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Windsor welcomes EC announcement

Exceptional Circumstance assistance to the area around Barraba, Bingara, Bundarra and north to the Queensland border that had been taken out of support eligibility has been reviewed and reinstated.

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon Tony Burke informed the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor in the Parliament this afternoon of his decision following recommendations he had received from the National Rural Advisory Council (NRAC).

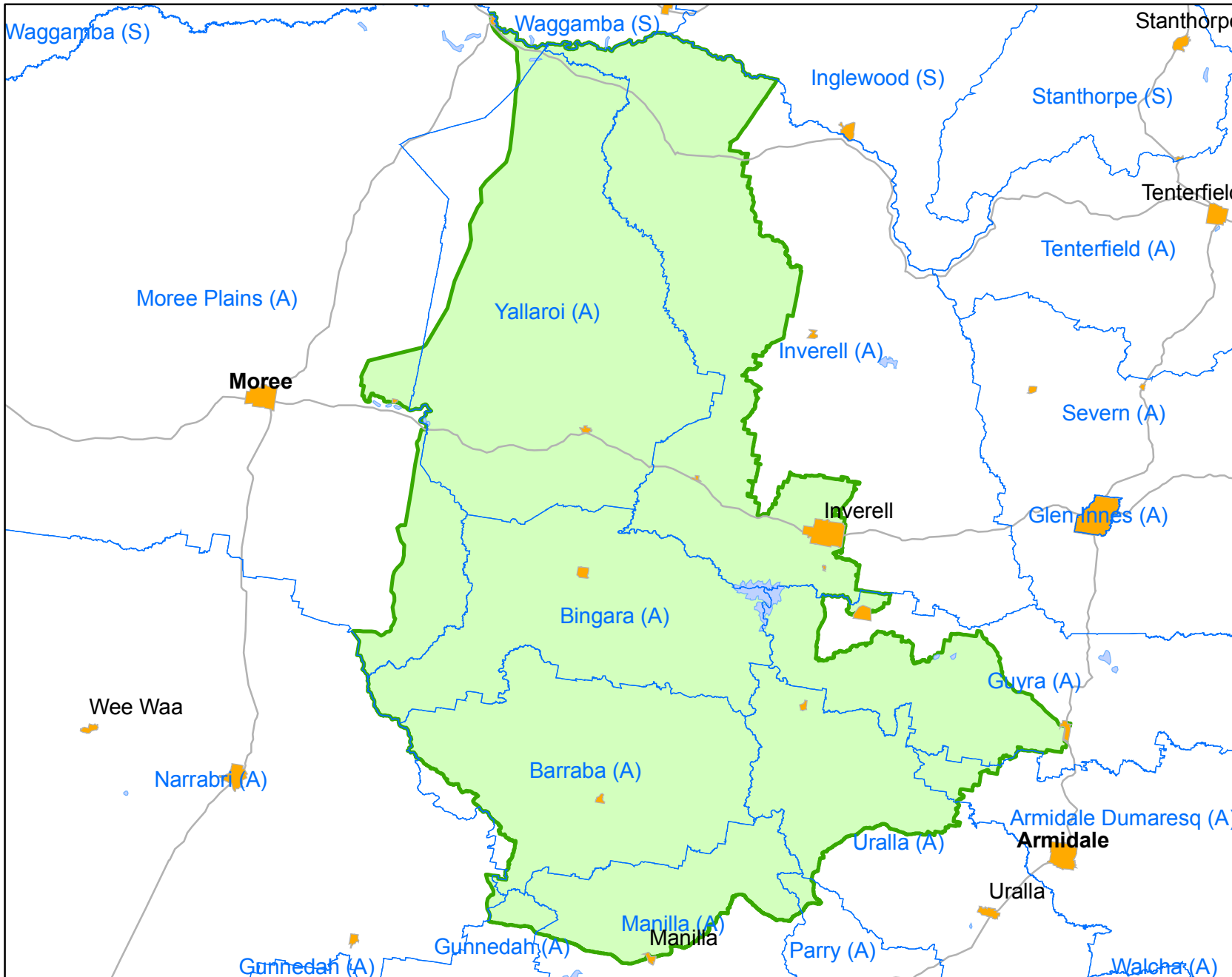
“I welcome the decision to reinstate the Central North North West Northern Slopes Revision area into Exceptional Circumstance assistance eligibility.

Assistance will be provided from 1 October 2008 and I would encourage those affected to contact Centrelink as quickly as possible to ensure their support is continued with a minimum of impact.

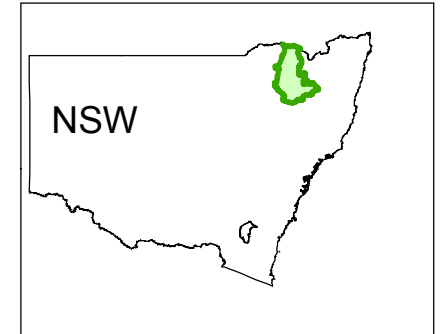
I thank the Minister for his recognising the needs of these people and look forward to the season improving to enable the farm sector to get back on its feet as quickly as possible,” Mr Windsor said.

Map attached

Central North North-West Northern Slopes Revision



Location



Legend

- Central North North-West Northern Slopes Revision
- Urban Areas
- Local Govt Areas
- (A) Area
- (C) City
- (S) Shire
- (T) Town
- Lakes
- Roads

