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### UNE/DPI get two projects in Climate Change Research Program

The University of New England and NSW Department of Primary Industries Primary Industries Innovation Centre “partnership” has been successful in gaining funding for two projects under the Climate Change Research Program announced by the Federal Minister for Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, Tony Burke today.

The announcement has been welcomed by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

One project falls into the Soil Carbon Research Program and the other into the Nitrous Oxide Research Program.

“I congratulate the UNE and NSW DPI on their successfully being funded to carry out valuable research into factors that may be impacting on climate change.

I have long been an advocate for positively seeking opportunities for agriculture in addressing climate change and I am particularly pleased that the UNE and DPI locally in the New England is going to be involved in research that could help open up these opportunities for Australian farmers.

I look forward to seeing the results of the research and the findings being of benefit to our agriculture sector,” Mr Windsor said.

The two projects to be undertaken by the partnership are:

1. **NSW cereals, cotton, sheep and beef systems** where the project will undertake sampling at 20 long term trials with 25 corresponding satellite sites on private land to define amounts and variance of carbon contained in pools of soils from the major land use/soil type combinations in NSW and
2. **Winter rain-fed cereals** where the project will measure nitrous oxide emissions from winter rain-fed cereals under various treatments, including: different row placements of crops; and inclusion of legumes in the rotation. The standardised data will then be incorporated into the broad program dataset.

Mr Windsor is hopeful that the Glen Innes Agricultural Research Station will also benefit from these two projects.

“The Glen Innes Agricultural Research and Advisory Station has a lot of information dating back to 1934 which would be very useful for analysis with today’s technology.

I will be talking with the UNE and DPI representatives about the involvement of the Glen Innes Station in their work.

There’s no doubt that this will add weight to the submission supporting the viability and continuation of the Station which is currently being prepared by the Glen Innes Working Party,” Mr Windsor said.

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