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Mental Health Respite services boosted

Support and respite to carers of people with a mental illness, psychiatric disability or intellectual disability has received a boost with the announcement of \$593,000 in funding to three groups to provide services in the New England Electorate.

The Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor has been informed by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin that the Australian Government will fund Challenge Disability Services (\$200,000) in Tamworth, integratedliving Australia Ltd (\$173,026) in Armidale and Moffat Falls Pty Ltd (\$220,000) from Urunga but delivering services to the New England and Parkes Electorates under the National Respite Development Fund.

“Carers of people with disabilities need to have access to respite and support services so that they can continue to provide the level of care they do.

I welcome the Minister’s announcement that the Australian Government will provide funding to the three organisations over two years.

I’m sure the carers who will benefit from the increased support will greatly appreciate the service being extended,” Mr Windsor said.