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TENTERFIELD 'ON AIR' WITH **ABC'S NEW ENGLAND-NORTH WEST RADIO**

Member for New England, Tony Windsor is delighted to announce that Tenterfield residents are finally able to receive New England-North West ABC radio programming after a major upgrade to the equipment required to receive the signal from Tamworth.

Mr Windsor has been pursuing this issue with the ABC on behalf of local residents for a number of years and he is pleased that the signal is finally getting through.

"I have been advised that what was initially thought to be a relatively easy job to adjust the existing antenna, turned out to require a complete new antenna and feeder to be installed on the tower.

Due to the number of other services utilising the tower such as TV, mobile phone and two-way signals, the old antenna had too much interference and once the engineers designed and constructed the new antenna various protocols had to be in place before the technicians could do any work on the tower as everything else had to be shut down for safety reasons.

In the past Tenterfield residents have only been able to tune in to the ABC's North Coast programming and as they are a distinct part of the New England Region, this was very frustrating and inconvenient to residents as they were unable to listen to local news and stories from the New England area.

"I would like to thank the ABC's NSW State Director, Mike McCluskey and the Head of Transmission, Mark Spurway for their tireless efforts to resolve this complex issue that I have been pursuing on behalf of the Tenterfield community," Mr Windsor said.

Local residents can now listen to the ABC New England-North West programming by tuning in to FM 88.9 to enjoy the local news content and programming that they have long desired.

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