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## Media Release

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# West Tamworth After Hours Medical Service gets \$100,000

The West Tamworth After Hours Medical Service will receive \$100,000 from the Federal Government under the General Practice After Hours Program it was announced today.

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has been informed of the funding by the Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Nicola Roxon.

Mr Windsor said that the grant will assist Peel Health Care currently located in Bridge Street to give people of the Tamworth area the opportunity of visiting a doctor after hours without having to visit an hospital emergency department.

Mr Windsor congratulated Peel Health Care and thanked the Government for their support of the facility.

“The announcement of funding to Peel Health Care is very much welcomed.

It will help alleviate the pressure on the Tamworth Base Hospital Emergency Department which often must attend to patients who really only need the attention of a GP.

The grant, which has been awarded on a competitive basis, will support local GPs to provide this after-hours service to the community.

I congratulate Peel Health Care on their success in obtaining the funding for this service and thank the Government for their support of the service,” Mr Windsor said.

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