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\$1.35m for Indigenous Community Support Services in New England

Indigenous Community Support Services in the New England Electorate have been boosted with the announcement of almost \$1.35m in funding for three organisations in Inverell, Glen Innes and Quirindi to provide the service.

The Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has been informed of the successful organisations by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin.

The three organisations are BEST Employment in Inverell, Quirindi Aboriginal Corporation and Eastern Access Community Health (EACH) for Glen Innes.

The Community Support Service will support Indigenous community members and their families by providing links and referrals to a range of mainstream and Indigenous services which may include welfare and social support, family violence, health (including drug and alcohol services), housing, child care and legal. The role will also entail the development and fostering of relationships with other service providers through promoting access and pathways to their services.

Mr Windsor has welcomed the announcement.

“I welcome Minister Macklin’s and the Government’s support of the Indigenous communities in the New England Electorate.

New England has a large Indigenous population and I am very pleased that three services are being made available to help Indigenous people access support services that can assist in closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

I look forward to seeing the desired results and improvement for the Indigenous members of our communities,” Mr Windsor said.

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