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# **Windsor to meet Defence Minister on ADF Basic Flying Training School**

The Australian Defence Force Basic Flying Training School at Tamworth Airport will be the subject of a meeting between the Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon John Faulkner and the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor during the next sitting week of the Federal Parliament in September.

Mr Windsor had written to the Minister expressing his and the community's concern about the future of ADF Flying training that is currently delivered by British Aerospace Systems Australia and will continue to be until December 2010.

"I am very pleased to be able to meet the Minister for Defence, Senator Faulkner to discuss the ADF future requirements for the basic training of their pilots.

The British Aerospace facilities in Tamworth have provided a great service for many years in excellent flying conditions and accommodation.

There is no doubt in my mind that BAe are well placed to continue that service and meet any new requirements that may be needed.

I will certainly be strongly supporting the case for the continuation of the BAe basic training of our ADF pilots through the Tamworth facilities not only because of its economic benefits to the region but also because it does have the best flying conditions to train pilots as recognised by international aviation experts at the time of its commencement," Mr Windsor said.