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## Vision New England Summit III “Setting Our Agenda”

A third Vision New England Summit will be convened by the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor on Saturday November 14 in Armidale.

Mr Windsor said that the theme for this Vision New England Summit is again “Setting our agenda” and is timed to focus on what people of the New England Electorate view as being issues of importance to them with a Federal election due sometime in 2010 and a NSW State Election shortly thereafter in March 2011.

“The Vision New England Summit is an apolitical gathering of community groups and leaders from across the electorate at which the issues, solutions and priorities of the people of the New England Electorate can be raised and promoted for all levels of Government to adopt and address.

“Invitations have been sent to community groups and other organisations to identify issues and suggest possible solutions which can then be discussed at the Summit.

“These groups are also being invited to send representatives to the Summit who can speak and make decisions on behalf of their group.

“Political representatives from all three levels of Government have also been invited to attend regardless of their political persuasion.

“All representatives have a role to play in driving the resolutions of Vision New England and therefore need to be in attendance to really get the message from the community,” Mr Windsor said.

Vision New England Summits have been held in 2003 and 2005 with upwards of 100 people representing over 60 different groups from across the electorate of New England attending.

“The Summit arrives at its resolutions by consensus so that the people of the New England can be seen as supportive and united on ways of addressing issues to the benefit of all concerned.

“Community groups can bring their issues and solutions to the Summit and, apart from making the attendees more aware of the issues of others, these solutions can be given the support of the broader community which will provide added weight to access assistance through various avenues whether they come under Federal, State or Local jurisdiction.

“Vision New England is also a great opportunity for people of the New England to give their political representatives their riding instructions direct from the community who put them there,” Mr Windsor said.

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