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Windsor welcomes new UNE Vice Chancellor

The announcement of Professor James Barber as the next Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of the University of New England has been welcomed by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

Mr Windsor is very pleased that the UNE Council has acted quickly in announcing their new Vice Chancellor to take over from retiring VC Professor Alan Pettigrew in February.

“I welcome Professor James Barber not only to his new role at the University of New England to take it forward but also to the community of Armidale and the broader New England region where I’m sure he and his wife Mary will quickly be made to feel at home.

“Professor Barber has excellent credentials for the job as UNE Vice Chancellor coming from being Deputy Vice Chancellor at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), a very well respected University.

“I very much look forward to meeting and working with Professor Barber in promoting and growing the education and research opportunities for the University of New England to maximize its potential and its value to community,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor also paid tribute to Professor Alan Pettigrew.

“Professor Pettigrew has made a very valuable contribution to the University of New England in his years as Vice Chancellor and I would like to particularly recognise his integral role in the establishment of the UNE Medical School which will no doubt help to directly assist in addressing the doctor shortage in country Australia.

“I thank him for his dedication and commitment he gave to the UNE during his time at the helm and wish he and his wife Anne all the very best for their future,” Mr Windsor said.