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Windsor confident Commonwealth Govt could assist Barraba water solution if bore tests fail

It is the belief of the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor that if the current Barraba bore tests fail Commonwealth Government assistance could be available to assist in building a pipeline from Split Rock Dam.

“If the current bore tests fail, that would probably mean that the pipeline from Split Rock Dam would then become the preferred option.

“In this case, I would be confident that if Barraba’s water supply is under threat and that future growth is threatened, that the Commonwealth Government could come to the party as part funder,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor will seek a meeting with Tamworth Regional Council officers for an update on the Barraba water supply situation.

He has had numerous calls regarding the situation and the need for a permanent long term solution such as a pipeline from Split Rock Dam.

“According to some press reports, the emergency bores are capable of providing a long term solution but anecdotal evidence from residents indicates that the bores are having a detrimental impact on other bores in the area.

“If this is the case then the emergency bore solution may not solve the problem.

“Given the residents have been requested to restrict use of water, this would indicate there are substantive issues with regard to the capacity of the bores to provide for the future and we need to be ready to ask the Commonwealth for assistance should this happen,” Mr Windsor said.

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