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# Barraba Water pipeline case well received by Parl Secretary for Water

The Barraba water supply was the topic of a meeting with the Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Water, the Hon Dr Mike Kelly MP and representatives of the Barraba Community, Tamworth Regional Council, the State Member for Tamworth Peter Draper and the Federal Member for New England Tony Windsor.

Attendees at the meeting were positive about the way in which Dr Kelly received their case and felt that he had a better understanding of the dire circumstances that Barraba faced both in the immediate and long term if a pipeline from Split Rock Dam was not built in the near future.

Mr Windsor was very pleased with hearing the group got.

“I thank Parliamentary Secretary Kelly for his stopping over in Tamworth to meet with Barraba community representatives Paula McIver and Danny Ballard who described how the lack of a secure water supply was impacting on them and their fellow community members.

Tamworth Regional Council Mayor, James Treloar, General Manager, Glen Inglis and Bruce Logan Director Water Enterprises were then able to explain the process that Council has been going through to meet the State Government requirements to look at all options for Barraba to secure a sustainable long term water supply.

They told Dr Kelly that the pipeline is now realistically the only sustainable option into the future.

They also emphasised that the two bores that were put in as a trial to test the groundwater supply option was no longer a trial but were now an emergency supply for Barraba.

Dr Kelly indicated that he would raise the Barraba water supply with the NSW Water Minister, Phil Costa in the coming days and work with him after that to progress the issue.

Peter Draper has also arranged to meet with NSW Water Minister Phil Costa next week to discuss the issue too.

All in all, it was a very positive meeting and I will be following up Dr Kelly in Canberra next week to keep it moving through the various channels,” Mr Windsor said.



PHOTO Caption Paula McIver and Danny Ballard join TRC Mayor Cllr James Treloar, Member for New England Tony Windsor, Member for Tamworth Peter Draper at the meeting with the Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Water, Dr Mike Kelly MP to discuss the Barraba Water Pipeline in Tamworth on Wednesday afternoon.