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\$31.7m boost to cancer care in NENW will help many

The announcement of \$31.7m for the establishment of an Integrated Cancer Care Service at the Tamworth Base Hospital will help many people from across the New England North West (NENW) region according to the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor.

Mr Windsor said that cancer patients will now have access to treatment closer to home and closer to family and friends.

He has welcomed the announcement made in Tamworth today by the Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery, Warren Snowdon.

“Statistics have shown that country people who are diagnosed with cancer have been disadvantaged when it comes to accessing the treatment needed to battle their disease.

“Many country cancer patients have had to uproot from their home surroundings and move to Sydney to receive the necessary treatment which only adds more stress and costs to their already very stressful situation.

“Minister Snowdon’s announcement will help cancer patients from across the New England North West greatly to access the post operative treatment that is necessary to maximise recovery.

“Having an Integrated Cancer Care Service in Tamworth and extended services in Armidale will certainly enhance the chances of recovery of those people in our communities who unfortunately have to battle this disease.

“I welcome Minister Snowdon’s announcement, thank all those involved in putting the case to the Government and thank the Government for seeing the need of people from the New England North West to be able to access cancer treatment closer to home,” Mr Windsor said.

Services will include two radiotherapy bunkers, one linear accelerator, an additional four chemotherapy treatment chairs in Tamworth, a range of medical diagnostic equipment including a new CT Scanner and a new 14 bed patient and care accommodation facility on the Tamworth Hospital Campus plus two additional chemotherapy treatment chairs in Armidale.

This means an additional 414 radiotherapy patients per year and 3,000 additional chemotherapy treatments per year will be available to cancer patients.

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