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Negotiations for Barraba water pipeline feasibility study nearing completion

The “terms of reference” for the feasibility study into the Barraba water pipeline will soon be sent to the Federal Government for their approval to assist with its funding according to the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor.

Mr Windsor is confident that once this information is in the hands of the Department of Water and the Parliamentary Secretary for Water, Mike Kelly MP, that a positive decision will follow that will see the cost shared between the Tamworth Regional Council, the NSW State Government and the Federal Government who have all been working closely on this issue.

“The final terms of reference document for the Barraba water pipeline setting out the process and covering things like the scope of the study, the timeline, milestones, costs and risks as well as detail around what issues will need to be addressed in a legislative or regulatory sense should be in the hands of the Department by next week.

“Once this is complete, I am hopeful that a decision can be made quickly given earlier information being made available to the Department and Parliamentary Secretary Mike Kelly.

“Issues of probity must be adhered to in the approval process – something for which I have previously been a strong advocate - however the case for Barraba’s pipeline is very strong and certainly meets the government’s policy of ensuring quality water supplies for communities,” Mr Windsor said.