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Joint Media Release

Tony Windsor MP – Peter Draper MP

Barraba Pipeline Feasibility Funding very welcome

Barraba residents are a step closer to achieving a long term secure quality water supply, with the announcement today of \$300,000 in funding from the State and Federal Governments to undertake a feasibility study into supplying water to the township from Split Rock Dam via a pipeline.

The Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Water, Dr Mike Kelly, made the announcement in conjunction with NSW Minister for Water, Philip Costa. Both pledged up to \$150,000, with the Tamworth Regional Council expected to also contribute a similar amount.

Both local independent MP's have welcomed the announcement.

"This is a very important step in the process of delivering a secure, long term quality water supply to the residents of Barraba," Tony Windsor said.

"There really is no other option than to build a pipeline, so I welcome the Commonwealth and State Governments' contributions to developing the feasibility study into delivering the project," he said.

"I thank Parliamentary Secretary, Mike Kelly and NSW Minister for Water Phil Costa for working together to arrive at this outcome, and I look forward to Tamworth Regional Council working quickly to get the Feasibility study under way," Mr Windsor said.

Peter Draper was equally pleased with the announcement.

"Barraba people have put up with severe water restrictions for too long, as they have had to go through a process of proving to outsiders how desperate their situation really is," Mr Draper said.

"The community has been very patient, and today's announcement will give residents renewed hope that a long-term solution to the water shortages in Barraba is now firmly on the horizon," he continued.

"Barraba is a fantastic small community that has fought with a united voice to have their water concerns addressed, so I have no doubt that once the Feasibility Study is completed, residents will focus their energies on getting the actual pipeline built so the district can plan for growth once again," Mr Draper said.

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