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Inverell's \$500,000 for GP surgery

A Funding Agreement of \$500,000 is being offered to Inverell's Evans Street Surgery following negotiations with the Federal Department of Health.

The Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed progress with the funding that was announced in November last year under the New Primary Care Infrastructure Grants – GP Program subject to negotiation.

Mr Windsor said that the negotiation process took a little longer than anticipated but the end result will be a new and enhanced facility out of the floodplain rather than a refurbished older facility that could be flooded.

"I am delighted that the Evans Street Surgery is being offered a Funding Agreement by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing.

"Their initial application outlined the need for better facilities at their existing premises however on further investigation, the Evans Street Surgery owners felt that a new and enhanced facility out of the flood plain would make for better use of the funding.

"The change to the original application and now through the negotiation stage is logical and will give the Inverell community a better outcome and give the Government better value for money too.

"I thank the Minister, Nicola Roxon and her team for their commitment to seeing the long term benefit of the change and look forward to the new Evans Street Surgery providing their high quality health services to the Inverell community," Mr Windsor said.

The Funding Agreement will be offered by the Department of Health to the Evans Street Surgery in the next few days.

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