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\$230,000 to expand Aged Care in the New England

An expansion of aged care places in the New England Electorate made possible by \$230,000 in federal funding has been welcomed by its Independent MP, Tony Windsor.

Mr Windsor has been informed of the new and recurrent funding under the annual Aged Care Approvals Round by the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, Mark Butler.

The funding will provide five Community Aged Care Packages through Northern Inland Masonic Aged Care in Tamworth, four Residential Care Places at Millrace Hostel in Tenterfield, and five Community Aged Care Packages at St. Andrews Retirement Village in Tamworth.

Mr Windsor is pleased to see this new investment into aged care in the New England Electorate.

“Aged care facilities are coming under increasing pressure as our population ages.

“This new federal funding will help local facilities expand their capacity to service the needs of our community.

“After all, people deserve to be able to spend their twilight years in the same communities they’ve helped build over their lifetimes.

“I understand this new funding will also create new jobs and therefore provide a welcome boost to the economy,” Mr Windsor said.

The funding is particularly welcome given the major changes facing the aged care industry, according to Mr Windsor.

“I know the federal government is preparing its response to last year’s Productivity Commission report, which recommended an overhaul of the industry to lift standards and offer consumers more choice.

“Despite these looming changes, I’m pleased to see the federal government is continuing to support local providers who are grappling with rising demand for their services.

“Local aged care services do a great job caring for our elderly with sometimes limited resources and I’d like to congratulate them for their successful applications,” Mr Windsor concluded.

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