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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Lifesaving Funding

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Minister for Emergency Services, Rural Affairs and Local Government Tony Kelly has announced \$4,000 in funding to provide essential technology to the Tamworth Unit Headquarters of the State Emergency Service and the Oxley Rural Fire Service.

Mr Kelly made the funding announcement during a tour of the facilities in Tamworth today.

The announcement has been welcomed by Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper who had made representations to the Minister to secure funding for the equipment.

“The RFS will receive two hand-held radios at a cost of \$1,000 each. The SES will receive a new electronic whiteboard and printer at a cost of \$2,000. These are all essential pieces of technology that will help to save lives,” Mr Draper said.

“Volunteers play an invaluable role in our society. The least we can do is to ensure that they are equipped with the tools they need to carry out their jobs.”

“I thank the Minister for ensuring both organisations are fully prepared for any emergency.”

Mr Draper has thanked the Minister for taking the time to visit the Electorate of Tamworth.

“Mr Kelly is no stranger to the important work of the SES and the RFS. Having the Minister here in Tamworth will help to improve the work of both organisations into the future,” Mr Draper said.

Mr Draper has also congratulated those behind the Regional Achievers Award and the Rural Community of the Year Award.

“I applaud the initiative of the Regional Achievers Award and the Rural Community of the Year Award. The achievements of regional towns should be recognised. The hardship of the worst drought of record has shown the incredible resilience of rural NSW.”

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