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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Gunnedah Ethanol Plant & Gas Pipeline

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Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper has welcomed comments that construction on an ethanol plant in Gunnedah could start in less than a year.

“A lot of people have been putting a lot of hard work into this project for some time. It is great to see that work is starting to pay off,” Mr Draper said.

“This is an exciting time for Gunnedah - the plant should create dozens of jobs and provide a real economic boost for the area. Given the uncertainty generated by the revised water sharing arrangements it is positive to see a new opportunity for the farming community.”

Mr Draper has paid tribute to the people who have been working hard on the proposal.

“We must thank Matthew Kelley of Primary Energy and those who have worked hard to get this project off the ground. Our special thanks must go to Member for Gwydir John Anderson and Member for New England Tony Windsor for their commitment to see this proposal become a reality.”

Mr Draper has also welcomed the announcement that the Central Ranges Natural Gas and Telecommunications Association are moving forward with plans for a gas pipeline stretching from Dubbo to Tamworth.

“These projects go hand-in-hand. In the long term, they will benefit not only Gunnedah but also all residents in the Electorate of Tamworth. This is indeed wonderful news.”

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