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## MEDIA RELEASE

### WERRIS CREEK & CURRABUBULA DISCUSSED WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper met with Minister for Local Government Tony Kelly on last Friday to discuss the communities of Werris Creek and Currabubula. Mr Draper recently distributed a questionnaire to residents of the former Parry Shire Council who have been relocated into the newly formed Liverpool Plains Shire Council based on Quirindi, with 83% of respondents rejecting the move to Liverpool Plains.

"I received a good hearing from the Minister who explained that to move the communities from Liverpool Plains into the Tamworth Regional Council would require the Boundary Commission to revisit the situation," Mr Draper said.

"The Minister is going to provide me with details of the procedure that must be undertaken, and I will progress the issue further once I receive this information," Mr Draper said.

"Unfortunately for those residents relocated into Liverpool Plains against their will, it appears that even if the process was initiated immediately, it will not be able to be completed prior to the June election," Mr Draper pointed out.

"I have discussed the situation with the Administrator of Tamworth Regional Council James Treloar, and I will meet with Mr Treloar after receiving the information from the Minister about taking the process forward."

"I look forward to the views of the communities being heard by the Commissioners," Mr Draper concluded.

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