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Tamworth on Political Map once again

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Country Labor will hold their annual conference in Tamworth this weekend with more than 400 delegates and their families expected to travel to the Electorate for the occasion.

Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper said the conference is a sign that Tamworth was now a primary focus for the NSW Government.

"I thank Country Labor for deciding to hold their annual conference in Tamworth. It is a real sign that we are once again on the political map," Mr Draper said.

"Any conference of this size will bring large benefits to our Electorate. It is estimated that delegates will bring an extra \$100,000 into the economy this weekend."

Mr Draper has urged Premier Bob Carr, NSW Government Ministers and other Country Labor delegates to use the opportunity to listen to the concerns of regional NSW.

"There are plenty of concerns in this Electorate covering health and education to water conservation and native vegetation. Many of the decisions that the Government make impact differently on metropolitan and regional NSW."

"I would encourage delegates to take this opportunity to meet local residents to hear their concerns first-hand. Country Labor and the NSW Government need to understand how their legislation impacts on landholders and families."

"I thank delegates for travelling to the Electorate of Tamworth and I invite them to return to our Electorate in the near future."

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