



**John Della Bosca MLC**  
**Minister for Health**  
**Minister for the Central Coast**  
**Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council**

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## **Tingha Multi-Purpose Service officially opened**

NSW Minister for Health, John Della Bosca, has today joined the community of Tingha to officially open the town's new Multi-Purpose Service (MPS).

"The \$5.3 million MPS is an impressive, state-of-the-art health facility that the community and staff can be proud of and represents a good working partnership between the Commonwealth and NSW Governments and local community," the Minister said.

"Clearly, this facility is an example of where a keen eye for innovation and a consistent commitment to better quality care are successfully married together.

"And while the physical aspects of the MPS are very impressive, it is the effort and commitment of the staff and community in bringing this service to fruition that is particularly inspiring.

"The Multi-Purpose Service facility provides a truly integrated, modern health care facility for the people of Tingha and the surrounding region."

This new facility accommodates a range of aged care, first aid and community health services linked together on the one site, including:

- A 24-hour first aid post;
- A range of Aboriginal health, primary and community health services;
- Residential aged care beds (4 high care and 4 low care places);
- Day Care support for frail aged community members;
- Administration and support services;
- Respite care facility; and
- Bus bay for Breast Screen Australia.

Joining the Minister at today's opening was Member for Northern Tablelands, Richard Torbay and Member for New England, Tony Windsor.

"Visiting outreach services from Inverell Community Health, such as women's health, respiratory services, early childhood, pre- post-natal, footcare, speech therapy, Occupational Therapy, diabetes education and support, Aboriginal health services, health promotion and pathology are also provided through the MPS," Mr Torbay said.

"The building has been designed to fit into its rural surroundings and the colour scheme and fittings have been designed with input from community members and staff.

"For the aged care residents here, the MPS is their long-term home and it is very important the building has a homely feeling to make people feel comfortable," he added.

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