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Windsor to introduce Bill to extend Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme to Isolated and Remote Industries

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor in the last sitting of Parliament, gave notice to the Australian Parliament that he intends to move a Private Members Bill to include Remote and Isolated Industries in the Diesel Fuel Rebate Scheme.

The motion reads “that in the opinion of this House the diesel fuel rebate scheme should be extended to cover industries in remote and isolated locations where access to the normal electricity grid is not available economically.”

“My Private Member’s Bill has come about following a visit to Geoff and Carol Swilkes’ G & C Foundry 22km outside Uralla where they have no access to the main electricity grid to supply them with 3 phase power to run their equipment.

Whilst many would not consider this to be too far off the main electricity grid, the cost of connecting is just uneconomic,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor explained that G & C Foundry must use diesel generators to power their needs and must pay the diesel fuel excise.

“The anomaly in the current legislation means that the truck that delivers the diesel to run the generators to power the foundry is eligible for the rebate yet the foundry is not,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor’s Private Member’s Bill is worded to include remote and isolated industry like the G & C Foundry and will therefore encompass businesses that are set up in areas that can’t access three phase power from the grid at an affordable price.

Mr Windsor believes that this anomaly needs to be addressed so that these businesses can grow in areas where they have commenced and grown rather than having to relocate because of the lack of infrastructure.

If there is any business like G & C Foundry that fits into these extended guidelines, Mr Windsor is asking for them to contact his office on **1800 66 88 55**

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