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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Windsor to address New States – No States Conference**

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has been invited to be a keynote speaker at the 5<sup>th</sup> National Congress of the Beyond Federation Collective on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June in Parliament House, Canberra.

Mr Windsor has been asked to give his views on the current system of governance in Australia and possible ways of improving or changing the structure of Government.

“With the dominance of Sydney and other capital cities around Australia, our current system of governance is overshadowed by the need of Governments – Federal and State to try to win the metropolitan vote to ensure power is maintained or won.

This system is working against country people obtaining equity of services and sharing equally in the economic growth of Australia.

We need to look at our current system and see where it can be improved to ensure that ALL Australians’ needs are met,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor believes that initiatives such as the removal of State governments and replacing them with constitutionally recognised regional governments or new States should be investigated.

“The lines on maps of the nineteenth century may not be the lines of the future,” Mr Windsor said.