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Telstra survey in your mailbox from Monday

Over 250,000 country people asked for opinion on Telstra Service and Sale

A survey of over 250,000 country people is asking for feedback on the quality of Telstra service and whether they want Telstra to remain in majority Government ownership will start next Monday across the Federal Electorate of New England.

The survey is being conducted by the three country Independent members of the Federal Parliament - Peter Andren (Calare NSW), Bob Katter (Kennedy Qld) and Tony Windsor (New England NSW).

The survey will be delivered by Australia Post to all households, RMBs and Post Office boxes in the three country electorates commencing on Monday 16th September with people being asked to complete and return by Tuesday 24th September so that submissions can be made to the Telstra Inquiry by its closing date on Friday 27th September.

“This is a very important survey that I am encouraging people to take part in.

The Government keeps pushing ahead and doesn't appear to be listening to people particularly in the country.

So this survey is one way of having some impact on what some people are saying is the 'inevitable' full sale of Telstra.

The full sale is NOT inevitable however we must act NOW!” Mr Windsor said.

The Telstra Survey being conducted is looking for feedback on the quality of service of people's landline connections, mobile phone services, Internet access, Broadband access and cabling and infrastructure and then asks the question of Telstra remaining in majority Government ownership.

“The current Government cannot bind future Governments to any guarantee that they may give to the community.

Service standards and upgrades have only improved marginally in the country to meet the Government's sell off agenda and they will not be able to bind a private company to provide the latest technology at affordable prices to country people.

It is important for people of the New England electorate to understand that they CAN influence the decision by taking a stand and participating in the Survey,” Mr Windsor said.

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