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Independents gather in Tamworth for Windsor Office opening

Federal and State Independent MPs and Independent Candidates for next year's NSW State election are gathering in Tamworth this Friday for the opening of the new office of Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

Federal Independent Member for Kennedy (Nth Qld), Bob Katter will join NSW State Country Independents, Richard Torbay (Northern Tablelands), Tony McGrane (Dubbo), Rob Oakshott (Port Macquarie), Independent Candidate for Tamworth, Peter Draper and Independent Candidate for Barwon Jack Warnock to open the new electorate office at 259 Peel Street, Tamworth.

The new office will be opened by State Member for Northern Tablelands, Richard Torbay whose State seat covers the northern half of the Federal electorate of New England.

Mr Windsor is very pleased to have so many Independent colleagues coming to Tamworth for his office opening.

"I am delighted to host so many Independent representatives and potential Independent representatives in Tamworth to help open the New England electorate office.

We will also be discussing the issues common to our electorates and how best to promote solutions and get positive action happening. Issues such as the drought, the full sale of Telstra, development of alternate energy sources like ethanol for fuel, medical and other professional indemnity insurance and public liability insurance will be raised.

The Country Independents have shown that they can work together on the big issues impacting on country people and still work hard for their individual communities putting their needs first.

The Country Independents have proven that they can work with the Government of the day and get things done for their electorates as well as contribute to and influence the debate on matters impacting on country people," Mr Windsor said.

The opening of Mr Windsor's new electorate office also marks the anniversary of his being elected the Member for New England.

"The first twelve months has been a rewarding challenge and I am pleased to have made the decision to move from State to Federal Parliament.

Mr Windsor points specifically to the drought dilemma and Public Liability Insurance crisis as two major issues that were getting bogged down in political point scoring.

"The country Independents are having an impact through being an unaligned country voice in both the Federal and State Parliaments and representing the people who put us there," Mr Windsor said.

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