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Federal Budget needs close scrutiny to ensure country needs met - Windsor

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor is asking people from across the New England electorate to look closely at the Federal Budget being brought down tomorrow night by the Treasurer and contact him with any concerns of impact on them or the groups they represent.

As well as he, himself analysing the budget, Mr Windsor is keen for input from people in the electorate of New England.

“The Federal Budget has far reaching effects on the community with different groups being winners and losers.

I invite people to look closely on the impact of the budget on their lives and let me know the good and the bad,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor will be taking particular interest in the reform of the higher education funding, the revised Medicare arrangements, the continuation of the Roads to Recovery funding for local roads, New England Highway funding, the extension of the excise exemption for ethanol, support for aged care in the country, the energy credits scheme replacing the diesel fuel rebate, drought assistance and property rights as well as any indication of plans for the further sale of Telstra.

“As with all budgets, we must look closely at the impact on country people and continue to work hard for equitable distribution of resources across Australia and access to services for all Australians.

It has already been indicated by the Treasurer that this budget will have large demands placed on it by defence spending however, we must not forget our domestic needs providing for the needs of all Australians regardless of where they live,” Mr Windsor said.

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