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National Party Member's own survey reveals 81% against full sale of Telstra

The National Party Member for Dawson, Mrs Deanne Kelly admitted in the Federal Parliament today that 81% of her constituents are opposed to the full sale of Telstra.

Deanne Kelly has joined a growing number of Members of Parliament who have surveyed their electorates regarding opposition to the full sale of Telstra.

The list now includes

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| Bob Katter Independent Member for Kennedy | 95% opposed |
| Alby Schultz Liberal Member for Hume | 92% opposed |
| Peter Andren Independent Member for Calare | 96% opposed |
| Tony Windsor Independent Member for New England | 97% opposed |
| Dianne Kelly National Member for Dawson | 81% opposed |
| Christian Zahra ALP Member for McMillan | 86% opposed |

Mr Windsor said that even though Mrs Kelly has admitted the views of her electorate are in the percentages that Mrs Kelly would be delighted to win an election by, she seems to be quite happy to sell those same people who elected her, down the drain.

"Mrs Kelly has always been an MP that I have personally admired because of her maintained opposition to the full sale of Telstra and the obvious downside for country people.

We now find that all those words and assurances were for nothing – only words.

Even though her electorate has expressed a clear view through her own survey (not someone else's) that 81% are opposed to the further sale Mrs Kelly can still stand in the Parliament saying that she is truly representing the people of the electorate of Dawson.

I'm not sure how Mrs Kelly can say that – 81% say no sale - 19% say proceed to sell so we'll sell.

There's not even a need for Mrs Kelly's casting vote when the numbers are so overwhelming against," Mr Windsor said.

Unfortunately, Mrs Kelly has toed the National Party line again despite the clear direction from the electorate to the contrary and I hope the Dawson electorate voters remember this at the next election," Mr Windsor said.

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