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Health Survey hits the letterbox

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor wants to know what people of the New England electorate want from their health service and is undertaking a survey of people across the electorate to find out.

“Health services are always a big issue across Australia and yet we don’t go to the people and ask them their concerns so that something can be done to improve the system.

This survey will provide me with feedback from the community as to what they believe should happen and therefore provide me with direction as to what I do in my representation of the community in the Australian Parliament,” Mr Windsor said.

The “New England Health Services Survey” asks six questions and also asks for comments from respondents.

“The questions relate to the merger of the New England Area Health Service with the Hunter Area Health Service and whether dental health should be covered by Medicare.

The survey also seeks to find out about bulk billing in the New England and also which level of Government we want in charge of hospitals.

I would also like to know how the community feels about the establishment of a medical and other allied health services faculty at the University of New England to help train and retain health professionals in the area.

I further would like to know whether people would be prepared to pay an increased Medicare Levy from 1.5% to 2% if the increased amount was used to increase bulk billing levels and other medical services,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said it was important for people to take the time to complete the survey and return it to him as quickly as possible.

“I am urging people to take this opportunity to let me know their views on the questions asked.

People from the New England electorate assisted greatly when they completed my Telstra survey and I now ask them to do similarly on the very important issue of health,” Mr Windsor said.

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