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Windsor welcomes election announcement

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed the announcement by the Prime Minister that the Federal election will be held on October 9.

“I welcome the announcement of the election and look forward to the opportunity of putting my case to the people of the New England electorate to continue being their representative in Canberra.

It has been a great honour to have had the confidence of the people of New England over the last three years and I will be very happy to continue in the role should the people of the electorate vote that way on October 9,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor also wished his fellow candidates well for the campaign.

“Political competition is a good thing for the community.

I wish all my fellow candidates well for the campaign and look forward to debating the issues with them and presenting my record to the community as they make their choice for the next term of Parliament,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor also took the opportunity of the announcement of the election to re-state his support for the introduction of “4 year fixed term parliaments”.

“The Federal Parliament should be for a 4 year fixed term.

The whole nation has been on election alert for many months now and it has caused much uncertainty in the community.

Business people delay important decisions about employing more people or investment whilst individuals put off making decisions about their own personal situations of whether to buy a home or car or other activities.

If we had a 4 year fixed term Parliament, everyone could plan accordingly and not be so beholden to the current political process,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that the major national issues of this election, all of which have a major impact on the New England electorate are health, aged care, education, Telstra services and no sale, transport infrastructure, true country representation and a complete overhaul of National Competition Policy as well as many local issues to be pursued which were identified in the Vision New England Summit held late last year and since then at numerous public and private meetings with community groups and individuals.

Mr Windsor also pledged to continue to work hard for the people of the New England electorate.

“I am pleased with the achievements both at a local and parliamentary level over the last three years. I am particularly pleased with the fact that the New England electorate now matters on the Australian political radar and I pledge to continue to keep the electorate of New England high on the Government’s agenda,” Mr Windsor said.

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