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## Media Release

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### **Strong support shown at Campaign Office opening in Tamworth Armidale, Glen Innes and Inverell ready to roll too!**

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has been buoyed and humbled by the strong enthusiastic support shown at the opening of his first campaign office and headquarters in Tamworth on Saturday morning.

The Campaign Office was officially opened by Tamworth based Campaign Co-Patron, Dr Peter Wakeford with Independent State Member for Tamworth, Peter Draper also attending to show his support.

About 100 people crammed the footpath and office at 340 Peel Street next to the Westpac Bank to show their enthusiastic support for Mr Windsor as he seeks the support of the people of the New England electorate to continue as their Federal Member.

“The Campaign Office opening was a very humbling experience as it brought many of the people who supported me when I first stood for State Parliament back in 1991 together with new supporters who believe in me to do the job for them and the community.

The feeling among the crowd was really very positive and with that sort of buzz, you can't help but be encouraged to campaign hard to keep taking the community's message to the Parliament and continue to fight for better outcomes for the community.

I am very grateful for the strong showing three weeks out from the election and with more Campaign Offices opening in Armidale, Glen Innes and Inverell in the next 10 days and manned by committed volunteers, it is very encouraging,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor pledged to continue to work hard in representing the people of the New England electorate given their continued support for him on October 9.

“I'm still as enthusiastic and keen to get things done both in legislative terms and improving our physical and social infrastructure around the New England and the broader country community as I was when I first was elected to the NSW State Parliament.

It is pleasing to see that the Productivity Commission is now undertaking a review of National Competition Policy as it was the impact of this policy on country communities that was one of the major reasons that I stood for Federal Parliament.

The influence of Independents on major legislation on health, education, Telstra, ethanol and cross media ownership also shows that country people can make use of the Parliamentary system by working with others to improve Government legislation to their advantage or block Government legislation that will impact adversely on them.

The New England electorate has also benefited from political competition - we now matter,” Mr Windsor said.

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