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Windsor reappointed to Parliamentary Committee

Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor has been reappointed as a member of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (AFFA) for the current term of the Parliament.

Mr Windsor said that AFFA Committee's Inquiry into 'Future water supplies for Australia's Rural Industries and Communities' had been highly successful with 22 of the committee's recommendations being taken up by the Government's National Water Initiative.

This Inquiry particularly looked into

- The role of the Commonwealth in ensuring adequate and sustainable supply of water in rural and regional Australia.
- Commonwealth policies and programs, in rural and regional Australia that could underpin stability of storage and supply of water for domestic consumption and other purposes.
- The effect of Commonwealth policies and programs on current and future water use in rural Australia.
- Commonwealth policies and programs that could address and balance the competing demands on water resources.
- The adequacy of scientific research on the approaches required for adaptation to climate variability and better weather prediction, including the reliability of forecasting systems and capacity to provide specialist forecasts.

"I have found the AFFA Committee's deliberations on water policy to be in the main above partisan politics and centred on the very real concerns of country people.

This has been vindicated by the Government's acceptance of many of the recommendations as government policy.

I look forward to working with Liberal, Labor and National Party Members of Parliament on the Committee as we work towards better policy outcomes for country Australians.

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