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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Windsor asks Senate Inquiry to recall Maguire**

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has asked the Senate Committee inquiring into the Regional Partnerships Program to recall Tamworth businessman Greg Maguire to appear before it when it comes to Tamworth on June 29.

Speaking in Parliament, Mr Windsor said that during Mr Maguire's appearance before the Senate Inquiry in March, Mr Maguire gave an undertaking under oath to supply details of his 37 companies to the committee so that a search could be undertaken to ascertain which company made a donation to Mr Windsor's election campaign and therefore how much was donated by any company associated with Mr Maguire.

"The response provided by Mr Maguire to the Senate Committee in follow up to his comments given under oath with regard to his companies and donations made to my election campaigns at both Federal and State elections ask more questions than they answer and I believe do not satisfy his undertaking given to the Senate Committee.

Mr Maguire made the statement to the Inquiry, 'Normally I would have given Tony probably anywhere between \$3,000 and \$5,000,' Mr Windsor said.

Mr Maguire's response to the Inquiry was :-

2. As to my evidence about financial support to Mr Windsor in his Federal election campaign in 2001, I say that Mr Windsor and his campaign manager Mr Stephen Hall are fully aware of any such contributions. I relied upon them to lodge any necessary paperwork concerning contributions by me or my companies towards Mr Windsor's campaigns. Attached is a copy of a television advertising invoice for the Powerhouse Hotel which relates to television advertising utilised by Mr Windsor as part of his campaign for the Federal seat of New England in 2004. This invoice was paid out of Mr Windsor's campaign funds. Contrary to Mr Windsor's claims I had minimal involvement in any of his campaigns. I was responsible for all his television placement campaigns for 2001 and 2004.

"Mr Maguire has not been able to find any Australian Electoral Commission donation declaration forms as he did not make such donations.

I am more than happy for the Australian Electoral Commission to undertake an audit of my Election Returns which are public documents to assist the Senate Committee in their deliberations.

Mr Windsor said that there were countless inconsistencies in Mr Maguire's evidence which needed to be clarified.

"As the Senate Inquiry is coming to Tamworth on June 29 to hold further hearings, I ask the Committee to recall Mr Maguire to provide that information he undertook under oath to do or say to the Committee that no such information exists," Mr Windsor said.