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Windsor accepts Telstra's invitation to test equivalence of service between NextG and CDMA services in New England Region

The Independent Federal Member for New England, Tony Windsor, has been invited to participate in a survey being conducted by Telstra in relation to the coverage provided by Telstra's CDMA mobile phone network, which is scheduled to close early next year, and the new NextG network.

Mr Windsor said he will be basing his information to Telstra upon the thousands of responses he has received from constituents across the New England Electorate to his recent survey calling for feedback in relation to coverage provided by the CDMA and NextG networks.

"I would urge people experiencing particular problems in relation to coverage provided by the two mobile networks to contact my office so that service issues can be further investigated," Mr Windsor said.

"During the last sitting of Parliament, I raised two questions with the Prime Minister relating to the planned closure of the CDMA network and concerns held by many country residents that the CDMA network would be switched off before the NextG network provided equivalent or better coverage."

"In his response, the Prime Minister advised me that Telstra has confirmed that adjustments are still being made to improve NextG coverage and that Telstra has also made a public commitment that it will not switch off its CDMA network until the NextG network provides the same or better coverage and services."

"The feedback received from residents across the New England region will help to ensure that such equivalence of service does indeed occur before the CDMA network is closed," Mr Windsor said.

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