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## MEDIA ALERT

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# Tribute to Peter Andren “The Conscience of the Parliament”

The passing of Peter Andren, the former Independent Member for Calare has deeply saddened his friend and colleague, Tony Windsor the Independent Member for New England.

“Peter Andren was a true representative of the people of the Calare Electorate, a man of the highest integrity and the ‘Conscience of the Parliament’.

Over the last six years we developed a strong friendship and respect of each other in standing up for our communities without fear or favour – something that Peter was passionate about.

Peter was an energetic and enthusiastic Parliamentarian speaking on many occasions in the House to make sure that the people of Calare’s voice was being heard.

He never took a backward step when it came to representing the people of Calare and more broadly country Australians.

Peter worked to bring better accountability and transparency into parliamentary and electoral processes as well as to the expenditure of taxpayer’s money.

The Parliament will be the poorer for his passing,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that as a person, Peter was true to his word and his reputation grew over his twelve years as the Member for Calare.

“Peter was a compassionate person who was very proactive in helping people who needed help to deal with government bureaucracy or had difficulty helping themselves.

He campaigned on Human Rights issues with a strong commitment to Indigenous Australians and people less fortunate in our communities as well as refugees fleeing oppressive regimes in their homelands.

Peter also felt a deep responsibility for ensuring that our current political representatives respect our environment to leave a legacy for future generations to enjoy and not to have to clean up because of their forefather’s actions.

I send my sympathy to his partner Valerie, his sons Greg and Josh and his wonderful staff.

We have lost a good friend and a great Australian,” Mr Windsor said.

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