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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Windsor welcomes new leadership teams

The announcement of new Government Ministers by the Prime Minister-elect Kevin Rudd and the new Liberal Party leaders has been welcomed by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

“I welcome and congratulate the new Government Ministers announced by the Prime Minister-elect Kevin Rudd today.

It is a great honour for the individuals concerned and I wish them well in the execution of their new roles,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor believes however that with the new Ministerial postings there also comes great responsibility.

“The new Ministers must quickly settle in to their roles carrying out their duty with total objectivity, fairness to all and in the best interest of the nation.

This is a great responsibility as Australians, having voted for a change of Government, have high expectations for the new Government and will want to see progress made on the promises given during the election campaign,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor is looking forward to representing the needs of the New England to the new Ministers.

“As an Independent Member of the Parliament I look forward to representing the needs of the people of the New England electorate and the broader country community to the new Ministers so that our voice is heard and our needs taken into consideration when decisions are made.

My role is to work with the Government of the day and help them make informed decisions maximising the benefits of any changes mooted and conversely minimising any negative impacts of decisions,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor also welcomed the new Liberal Party leadership team announced today.

“Congratulations to Brendan Nelson and Julie Bishop on their being elected the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party both of whom as former senior ministers have always been courteous and responsive to the needs of the people New England electorate.

They are both very capable people and I wish them well in developing a strong Opposition team that will ensure the new Labor Government is focussed on delivering on its promises.

We are very fortunate that Australia has developed into a nation where a change of Government is done peacefully.

It’s something all Australians should cherish and guard jealously but never take for granted,” Mr Windsor said.

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