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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NextG mobile phone survey to hit mailboxes next week** **Political leverage lost when CDMA switched off - Windsor**

A survey of mobile phone users asking for feedback on the quality of the NextG mobile phone service in the New England Electorate will hit letter boxes next week with a request for return by April 15.

The results of the survey being conducted by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor will then be provided to the Minister for Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy as he deliberates on whether to allow Telstra to shutdown their CDMA mobile phone network on April 28.

Mr Windsor is urging people to take part in the survey to ensure the experiences of the people of the New England Electorate are taken into consideration before the Minister gives Telstra a final decision on the closure.

“Participating in the survey on the NextG mobile phone service will help let the Minister know the real experiences of people who have changed over to the new network and how they believe it compares to the old CDMA network.

Telstra’s undertaking was not to shut the CDMA network down until there is equivalence of service and that’s what we need to hold Telstra and the Government to,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor recently congratulated Minister Conroy in the Parliament for deferring the switch-off date.

“I congratulate the Minister for Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy, Senator Conroy, for deferring the switch-off of CDMA to Next G.

There are still enormous problems there..... There have been a number of mixed messages.

One thing that came out of Senator Conroy’s decision is that he still maintains some degree of political leverage on Telstra.

Once he says that CDMA can be turned off, any political pressure that can be leveraged against Telstra will be removed.

The Minister still has the capacity to influence the outcome of that particular issue,” Mr Windsor said.

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