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# Christmas Message

As 2008 draws to a close and Christmas looms large, I would like to wish you all a very happy Festive Season spent hopefully enjoying time with family and friends and recharging your batteries ready for 2009.

The global financial situation has no doubt impacted on many people but I trust that you have taken steps to minimise both the short term and long term effect as well as making the most of the opportunities that do present themselves.

The year, the first under the new Government, has indeed had its challenges as every year does, regardless of who holds the key to the Treasury.

I would encourage you to be mindful of the current economic issues but not to get bogged down in them.

Australia is well positioned to weather the storm and whilst potholes will be found on the road ahead, by remaining positive about the future and seeking to make every post a winner, we can minimise the chance of running off the road.

Thank you to all the people across the New England Electorate for your continued support.

It is a great honour and privilege to be your representative in the Federal Parliament and I look forward to working with you again in 2009.

On behalf of my wife Lyn, my family and my staff, I wish you all the very best.

Yours "festively"

Tony Windsor MP  
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