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Barnaby's bluster blows itself out

After all the bluster from National Party Senator Barnaby Joyce early this year that he would be standing for a House of Representatives seat it appears that he has blown out his aspirations ... himself.

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor whose seat was raised by Senator Joyce as one of his options to move to the lower house believes Senator Joyce, after virtuously promoting his desire to represent the people of a lower house seat, has abandoned his plans after discovering he wasn't as sure a thing as he first thought.

"Senator Joyce made a lot of noise about leaving the Senate and standing for a lower house seat.

"Such was his commitment to representing the people of an electorate he spread his choices over five seats.

"Maranoa in Queensland already held by fellow National Bruce Scott was an obvious option with Barnaby living there but when Mr Scott dug in, New England over the border became an option followed by the neighbouring New South Wales North Coast seat of Page held by Labor and then Flynn and Dawson in Queensland also held by Labor were added to the list showing just how committed Senator Joyce was to serving the people of a seat – any seat!!

"So after running the flag up so many flag poles, it appears that the salutes were not as many as would give Senator Joyce the confidence to leave a safe position on a Senate ticket for a mere 'chance' of winning a House of Representatives seat.

"In Senator Joyce's quoted own words and please excuse my repeating them, 'I would have been the one risking my seat in federal parliament by going to the lower house and having my wife asking what the hell I was doing.

I'm not going to put my arse on the line for someone who doesn't want to make a small sacrifice,' he said.

"I thought that was what elected representatives were supposed to do.

"Perhaps the National Party has forgotten this," Mr Windsor said.

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