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# **Windsor welcomes new PM**

The Independent Federal Member for New England, Tony Windsor, has welcomed incoming Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, following this morning's change of ALP Leadership and has wished outgoing Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and his wife, Therese Rein, well for the future.

Mr Windsor said that he has had a good working relationship with Ms Gillard during his time in the Federal Parliament and looked forward to pursuing a range of issues affecting the New England Electorate with her in her capacity as Prime Minister.

At the same time, Mr Windsor extended his thanks to Mr Rudd for his attention and involvement in a range of issues in recent years such as mining on the Liverpool Plains, Chaffey Dam and the proposed pipeline from Split Rock Dam to Barraba.

“Even though we have differences at a political level, I have always appreciated the attention which Mr Rudd has given to the many issues I have raised with him and the assistance he has provided to help progress issues affecting the New England region.

“I now look forward to representing the needs and concerns of the people of New England to incoming Prime Minister Gillard to help achieve positive outcomes for our region,” Mr Windsor said.