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Survey shows most not sure about mining tax but other Govt tax reforms supported

A survey of the New England Electorate undertaken by the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has shown uncertainty about the Resource Super Profits Tax (RSPT) or mining tax but strong support exists for the Government's proposed tax reforms on superannuation, company tax, and personal tax.

Mr Windsor undertook the survey shortly after the budget wanting to give the people of his electorate an opportunity to let him know directly their thoughts about the proposed changes.

"The Resource Super Profits Tax (RSPT) or mining tax had 57% either undecided (23%) or against (34%) it whilst 43% supported it showing that there is a high degree of wariness about its introduction and the possible impacts on the broader community.

"Similarly, the establishment of an 'Infrastructure Fund' reliant on the RSPT saw the combined undecided (22%) and against (30%) out numbering those in favour of the fund (48%) which could further indicate a wariness of people in the New England about the RSPT," Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said the support for the other changes proposed by the Government was very high.

"Over 70% of respondents support the Government's proposed changes to superannuation contributions.

"Changes to company tax have also received approximately 70% approval and changes to personal tax had over 80% approval including the simplified tax return and refund having 83% support.

"So the mining tax needs more work both in its detail and its explanation if it is to be supported by the community," Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor thanked all those who responded to his survey.

"Getting people to respond to surveys is always a big ask but one that I believe is appropriate to gauge the views of the people of the New England electorate.

"I am very pleased that about 2,000 people have taken the time to let me know their views and I thank them for doing so," Mr Windsor said.

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