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Formation of a government is the main issue - Windsor

“The formation of a government is a pivotal issue for the future of the nation and should not be trivialised by irresponsible journalists inventing their own stories.”

This is the belief of the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor after having the front page story of the Sydney Daily Telegraph drawn to his attention today.

Mr Windsor said that the story in the Telegraph said that “The three independents met late into the night in Canberra in an effort to reach consensus” is absolute nonsense and he has not spoken to the journalist who wrote the story.

“I was in Sydney participating in the ABC TV “QandA” program and stayed in Sydney overnight.

“Bob Katter was still in North Queensland and Rob Oakeshott was the only one in Canberra and was appearing on Lateline.

“I haven’t yet had face to face discussions with Bob and Rob and there is certainly no leaning one way or the other or breaking up of the Independents ‘if needed’ as the story says.

“I have only had courtesy calls from both Leaders.

“Everyone, particularly in the media, needs to calm down and wait for the polling numbers to become clearer before getting too excited about the role of the Independents in the formation of the Government.

“I understand the situation is newsworthy but journalists should just report the facts and leave the fiction to the novelists,” Mr Windsor said.

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