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## **Windsor asks people to look closely at Clean Energy Package before judging it**

The Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor is asking Australians to read the Clean Energy Package details very carefully and with an open mind before judging it.

Mr Windsor says that a lot of people have been caught up in the negativity being peddled by some seeking political gain rather than addressing the issue.

He believes now that the Clean Energy Package has been announced, that if people take the time to look closely at it, they will be quite pleasantly surprised.

“What has been arrived through the Multi Party Climate Change Committee process reflects the need to do something about future environmental needs whilst recognising, we, the Australian people have to continue to have economic security and social benefits.

“No one wants to pay more tax or have an increase in our cost of living, hence the way that the package is structured.

“It takes the current needs of people into account but also looks to deliver a sustainable future.

“Humans cannot go on damaging our environment to the extent that we threaten the survival of our species and Australia needs to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels by moving to more renewable energy. This package meets both needs.

“We are a clever species so we must be clever enough to see that if we continue to do what we have always done, one day a future generation may have to make even tougher decisions and look back at our generation as those who recognised the problem and did nothing leaving them to try to clean up what we should have,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that the details of the package show many positives for people.

“The sky is not going to cave in after the adoption of the clean energy package.

“Households will be compensated for increased costs of living, fuel – petrol and diesel are not affected, agriculture benefits from incentives to adopt new sustainable practices and participate in carbon sequestration programs, funding for research and development of renewable energy sources.

“Australia has had a history of leading the way to new practices.

“Other countries are moving towards cleaning up their act in many different ways and I’m happy to have been involved in the development of this package.

“Australia needs to do this and do it now,” Mr Windsor said.

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