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WINDSOR ESSENTIAL FOR CONTINUED ATTENTION

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The electorate of New England must re-elect Tony Windsor to ensure ongoing attention from the Federal Government, Member for Tamworth Peter Draper said today.

“From my perspective there are only three possible scenarios after October 9,” Mr Draper said.

“Firstly, a Coalition Government would be returned and we would continue to attract the spectacular funding levels recently delivered by the Government in a vain attempt to win back the seat. Unprecedented funding for the New England Highway, \$6 million for the Australian Equine and Livestock Centre, and much needed funding for a range of community projects across the electorate can be directly attributed to Tony’s representation and the Government’s attempts to bribe voters into supporting their candidates.”

“Secondly, Mr Windsor may well control the balance of power as he did so effectively in NSW politics during his first term. Should that scenario unfold we would be the most envied electorate in the country with New England attracting support and funding at unforeseen levels.”

“Finally, a Labor Government could eventuate resulting in Mark Latham again throwing money at New England to keep his political enemies out of the seat.”

Mr Draper said these scenarios clearly demonstrated the importance of keeping Tony Windsor as the local member. He said Mr Windsor’s representation had taken New England from an electorate that had been completely ignored for decades due to it being regarded as a safe seat, to one which had the undivided attention of the major political parties.

“The voters of New England remember what it was like to be forgotten and the arrogance of the major parties has led to much disappointment with the Party system,” Mr Draper said.

“To maintain the Government’s attention, we need Tony Windsor in Canberra working with his State colleagues Richard Torbay and I, continuing to effectively represent local individuals and communities in the corridors and the chamber,” Mr Draper said.

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