

Tony Windsor's Comments

In response to the media release by Tony Windsor or on his behalf, dated 27 June 2016 titled "Gina's Stormtroopers man Barnaby's Battlements" (copy attached) I make the following comment.

"Mr Tony Windsor's, or someone acting on his behalf, comments in relation to Mrs Rinehart, alleging Mrs Rinehart (or inferring any company associated with her) was flying in workers to assist the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Barnaby Joyce, are without an ounce of truth, and are denied.

It's disappointing to see someone seeking parliamentary office make such claims which are false. Perhaps at best a sign of desperation, however even desperation shouldn't excuse him from saying things without any foundation in truth when seeking public office."

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Gina's Stormtroopers man Barnaby's Battlements

Fly-in Fly-out has taken on a new meaning in the Battle for New England with workers at the Pre-Poll in Tamworth being flown in by mining magnate and Barnaby Joyce Backer – Gina Rinehart to man the battlements.

The “workers” have been accommodated at the Central Hotel within easy walk of the Pre-Poll in Darling Street.

Independent New England Tony Windsor says this is further evidence that the Deputy Prime Minister is in the pocket of the mining sector to detriment of those he pays lip service to, to represent.

“It has been confirmed by the Pre-Poll workers in Tamworth that they have been flown in by Gina Rinehart from Western Australia to hand out “How-to-Vote” cards for the National Party.

“What this says to me is that the National Party, apart from struggling to get people to support them locally, is in the pocket of the mining sector.

“This explains why the Deputy Prime Minister has not acted to fully implement the “Water Trigger” process and has tried to hive it off back to the State Governments’ planning processes from whence the problem came and that people have no trust in.

“It shows again that the Deputy Prime Minister and the National Party will do whatever it takes, say whatever it takes but deliver only cheap talk when it comes to protecting our prime agricultural land and the much needed water resources.

“The farm sector needs more than this.

“It needs trust in a process that impacts on them and future generations,” Mr Windsor said.