



TAYLOR WORKS WITH CROOKWELL COMMUNITY TO FIX TV RECEPTION

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The Liberal candidate for Hume, Angus Taylor, is working closely with the Upper Lachlan Shire and local community leaders to help address the digital TV reception problem in Crookwell. Mr Taylor said that for some months he had been in contact with Shadow Communications Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, on this issue. Their focus is on rezoning Crookwell to the Canberra broadcast area, which would then enable construction of a retransmission tower for the Canberra TV signal.

The ultimate goal is full digital free to air TV reception from the Canberra signal for all Crookwell residents.

Mr Taylor said:

“In November last year it became apparent that the zoning of Crookwell in the Central Australian broadcast area was limiting our ability to put up a useful retransmission tower.

“To their credit, the Mayor and the Upper Lachlan Council were quick to see this, and they realised that they needed help at the Federal level.

“Whilst I cannot speak for the current minister for Communications, I can safely say that the Shadow Minister, Mr Turnbull, is firmly committed to solving this problem – regardless of who is in government. After many discussions and some thinking about solutions we can now see a way forward and know what needs to happen.

“Simple bureaucratic bungling has led to the situation where Crookwell could not put up a retransmission tower for the Canberra signal.

“Even worse, the high costs of satellite receivers across Crookwell could have been avoided with a low cost retransmission tower.

“I addressed the Upper Lachlan Council about the coalition’s approach to this, just before Christmas. I think the councillors were receptive and appreciative of the input.”

Mr Taylor, who has worked for much of his career as a consultant focused on solving problems such as these, said:

“It’s real community problems such as these that need solutions. I have been trained to do solve problems like this, and I am very excited about the prospect of helping people and community groups solve more problems in the future.

“In this day and age there is nothing more enabling and liberating for country people than having good communications: TV, mobile phone, internet.

“When speaking with people over the last six months I have made it clear that improved communications would be a priority for me.

“Instead of just making pronouncements, I began working on this issue many months ago

Mr Taylor said that fixing Crookwell’s problem would require several steps:

“First, we need a rezoning of the Australian broadcast license area. Second, we need to fund the retransmission tower. I think both of these things are well and truly achievable - and with the right advocacy and access it can be done quickly

“Of course, voting the Liberal National coalition into government will make this quicker and easier!

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