



TAYLOR TALKS UP COALITION NBN IN WOMBOIN

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Angus Taylor, the Liberal Candidate for Hume, has explained to Wamboin residents that the coalition NBN plan offers the best chance of fixing their chronic telecommunications problems.

He and his wife Louise attended the Wamboin Community Association meeting last Tuesday evening. Mr Taylor said that he was grateful for the opportunity to speak to residents of Wamboin and surrounds, and hear about their concerns.

Mr Taylor said:

“We talked about all manner of federal issues (the coalition plans for the NBN, coal seam gas and resources, the rising Australian dollar, food security, the future of agriculture, high speed rail, regional development and federal infrastructure - to name a few) and a number of local issues too.

“Unsurprisingly, right now people in Wamboin are very focussed on the local telecommunications, road and the PLEP. Of these issues, only telecommunications is the main federal issue, so I did spend some considerable time talking about the coalition’s NBN plan.

“It is my firm belief that the coalition’s NBN plan is very good for places like Wamboin. Like the Labor plan, it will rely principally on fixed wireless technology – at least for people living any significant distance from an exchange. The difference between the coalition and Labor is that we will roll out wireless to the areas in most need first, and complete the roll out by 2016. Also, of particular relevance to many who live in the Palerang Shire, the coalition NBN plan will require the NBN Co. to fix mobile phone black spots as the fixed wireless technology is rolled out. Malcolm Turnbull has done a great job on the coalition’s NBN policy, and for rural and semi-rural communities it is resoundingly better.

Mr Taylor said he was struck by how informed and engaged the Wamboin community was.

“Louise and I had an excellent evening. We caught up with some old friends and made some new friends. It was almost midnight when we left the Community Hall with the stragglers! The thing that struck us about Wamboin was that we came across many people from different backgrounds with a lot of experience and insight

into both local and national issues. People are thinking hard and care deeply about these issues, which is always a good thing - even when not everyone agrees.

“We are both looking forward to coming back to the area very soon. We are also looking forward to seeing ‘five bars’ on our mobile phones throughout most of the area, if the coalition is elected.”

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