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Australia's Future – Energy and the NBN?

Politics in the Pub next Monday will feature three heavy hitters: Angus Taylor, Simon Holmes à Court, and Steven Jones.

“We all know Angus Taylor, but Simon and Steven will be new to many people in Goulburn,” said Jason Shepherd, one of the organisers of next Monday’s event.

Businessman Simon Holmes à Court is an advisor to the Energy Transition Hub at Melbourne University and sits on the advisory board of the Melbourne Energy Institute. He was the founding chair of the Hepburn Wind Farm. He has written extensively on renewable energy issues and is a regular commentator in the media.

Steven Jones is the Member for Whitlam and Labor’s spokesman for Regional Australia. Among other positions, he is Labor’s Shadow Minister for Regional Communications, and has a strong interest in the NBN rollout in regional Australia.

“With such a broad topic that includes energy and information technology, it promises to be a lively debate between three high profile speakers,” said Mr Shepherd.

“Simon has extensive experience in energy issues and helped start the first community owned renewable energy project over 10 years ago. He is one of the foremost experts on community renewable energy in Australia,” he said.

Steven Jones has been the member for the Wollongong federal electorate of Whitlam since 2010. Before he became a politician he worked for the ACTU where he helped secure compensation for workers who had contracted asbestos-related diseases when working for James Hardie.

Angus Taylor has represented the Hume electorate since 2013 when he replaced the late Alby Schultz. Angus was brought up on a property near Nimmitabel and was educated at the Kings School. Before entering Parliament he worked for several management consulting firms including a stint as director at Port Jackson Partners.

“All three speakers are well known for their positions on energy and information technology and it looks like we will have a very interesting discussion on Monday at the Astor,” said Mr Shepherd.

Politics in the Pub runs from 6:30 – 8 pm on Monday 30th at the Astor Hotel.

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