



THE HON DUNCAN KERR SC MP
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR DENISON

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End of an Era as Hodgman Retires

Federal Member for Denison Duncan Kerr tipped his hat today as Michael Hodgman QC MHA announced his decision to not contest the state election, effectively marking his retirement from politics.

“Michael Hodgman was a ferocious competitor and someone I have great respect for,” Mr Kerr said.

“I tip my hat to Michael. He was a great advocate for Tasmania during his political life.

“Michael Hodgman brought both genuine integrity and a touch of theatre to his dealings with the public and the Parliament – characteristics which were the secret of his electoral success.

Mr Hodgman was the federal member for Denison from 1974 to 1987 and served as Minister for the ACT and Territories in the Fraser Government.

Mr Hodgman and Mr Kerr fought two epic election battles for the federal electorate of Denison in 1987 and 1990. Mr Kerr was elected on both occasions following bruising contests won by narrow margins.

“We are at opposite ends of the political spectrum but have become good friends since our election tussles.

“Michael never let his arguments about politics descend into personal abuse. He had friends from all walks of life and all sides of politics.

“It is always sad when the community loses a servant like Michael to ill health.

“I wish Michael and Lindy the best of health in their retirement together.

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