

## **Barnett eyes tilt at state seat**

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### **FORMER Tasmanian Liberal senator Guy Barnett is considering running for State Parliament.**

Yesterday, Mr Barnett ruled out seeking another term in the Senate, saying that while he enjoyed advocating for Tasmania in Canberra over his almost 10-year career, he had now moved on.

But he could have a tilt at state politics and would stand in the seat of Bass or Lyons.

Mr Barnett grew up in Hagley and left the Senate in June last year.

He said he had been invited to run for State Parliament and would consider the offer.

"Being a consultant and Ambassador for Diabetes Australia has offered many opportunities to make a difference," he said.

"I feel rejuvenated and refreshed.

"Tasmanians desperately need better government at both a state and federal level and I will do whatever I can to support my liberal colleagues to make positive change."

Mr Barnett said he would make a decision when it was clearer when the next State election would be called.