Statement on Julie Bishop

Senator Richard Colbeck paid tribute to retiring colleague – Julie Bishop:

“Julie Bishop has been an extraordinary servant of the people of Australia, the electorate of Curtin and the Parliamentary Liberal Party during her 21 year parliamentary career.

“Anyone who holds the position of deputy leader of the Liberal Party for 11 years through opposition and into government has demonstrated considerable leadership.

“Julie has always responded positively to requests to visit Tasmania and Tasmanians embraced her warmly.

“In her role as Foreign Minister, Julie stood with strength at critical times in Australia’s best interests, cementing her place as a leading voice and consolidating Australia’s reputation on the global stage.

“She stood as a beacon to young women considering a career in politics, providing a bright example of the opportunities in public office.

“I wish Julie all the best for the future.”

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