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STATEMENT BY TIMBER COMMUNITIES AUSTRALIA

ALP turning their back on Timber Families?

Timber Communities Australia (TCA) – the national grassroots community support and representative organisation, is extremely alarmed that the ALP is giving their preferences to the Greens in the Senate.

The Greens have done everything they can to close down our Australian forest industry and dependent communities.

The questions need to be asked and answered: “ Does a vote for the ALP in the Senate mean a vote for Bob Brown? If this is the case, then thousands of people will need to rethink how they intend to vote in the Senate. Does this mean that we are re-visiting the Latham era, where at the last minute we saw the ALP turn their back on our timber communities?”

Families who rely on our forests to help pay their mortgages, educate their children and give them job security are reeling at the thought that their ALP Senate vote will go to Bob Brown.

The Greens are the very party that have shown that they will stop at nothing to close down for good, our sustainable, well managed forest industry and the communities that rely on them.

For Timber Families, a vote for the Greens means a vote for “no native forest harvesting and no new plantations.

The Greens are opposed to value adding of our forest resource.

Labor cannot sit on the fence. They cannot have two bob each way – they either support sustainable forest communities or set them up for possible failure.

TCA urges everyone to think carefully about where their vote will go in the Senate!

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