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IS ALP STATE THAT DIFFERENT TO ALP FEDERAL?

Timber communities are astounded at the different approach taken by the Federal ALP compared to the Victorian State ALP towards the radical Australian Greens Political party, said Timber Communities Australia today.

At a Federal level the ALP is prepared to sacrifice rural communities by doing a deal with the Greens to secure seats in the Senate. Yet at the State level, the same party as demonstrated in the Albert Park and Williamstown by elections attacked the Australian Greens and their radical policies.

“Timber workers and their families are confused and disappointed over the contradicting position of the ALP at the Federal level”, said Mr Scott Gentle, Victorian State Manager of national grassroots community organization, Timber Communities Australia (TCA).

“The Brumby led Labor Party in Victoria showed commonsense and strong leadership by not doing deals with the greens at the recent by elections and indeed highlighted their radical policies to the wider community”, said Mr Gentle

“So how can it be possible that the same party on one hand describe the Greens as a party with no credibility on the ALP linked website www.greens-liberal-deal.com.au yet on the other hand threaten the viability of rural communities in a grubby preference deal”, said Mr Gentle.

“Is a vote for the ALP a vote for Bob Brown and his radical policies? Are we, in the last weeks of the election campaign witnessing a rebirthing of the Latham style thinking within the Federal ALP?”

“A vote for the Greens is a vote for no new plantations, an end to native forest harvesting, anti-development and a threat to all timber communities in Australia”, Mr Gentle claimed

‘The deal with the Greens will undermine any confidence our members had with the Federal Labor party’ said Mr Gentle

“Labor can’t have it both ways, they either support Australia’s sustainable timber industry or they support the Greens radical anti-community and anti-development policies’ concluded Mr Gentle.

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