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GREENS ARE DAMNED

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Liberal National Party Member for Noosa, Glen Elmes said today that the sweetheart preference deal between the Greens and Anna Bligh's Labor Party is a reminder of one of the famous smoke-filled, backroom dirty deals of yesterday.

"Voters in the Noosa electorate and the Sunshine Coast will be disgusted that the Greens are giving preferences to Labor in 14 seats, making it harder for the Liberal National Party to secure a victory and institute what was until yesterday the policy positions of both the LNP and the Queensland Greens.

"Up until yesterday, the Greens wanted to see an end to the Traveston Crossing Dam. Up until yesterday, the Greens were in favour of Noosa residents having a say on the amalgamation issue yet today, we have a series of under-handed deals taking place where Labor supports the Labor rat, Ronan Lee, who is standing for the Greens in Indooroopilly.

"The Greens support 14 Labor candidates in seats as far north as Bribie Island and locally we see Labor supporters at the pre-polling booth at Noosa Court House changing what obviously was the official Labor How to Vote cards by physically writing in the number '2' beside the Greens candidate in this unholy alliance of preference deals.

"It doesn't seem all that long ago that Greens leader Senator Bob Brown paddled his way down the Mary River and pledged his undying support for the people of the Valley in their fight to stop the Traveston Crossing Dam. Where is his word now?

"It just goes to prove that the Greens are no more than a left-wing branch of the Labor Party.

"There is now no choice in Noosa if voters want to see an end to the Traveston Crossing Dam and be given the opportunity to support afresh their commitment to de-amalgamation.

"The only option is for a Liberal-National Party government elected on the 21st March free from Independents and the so-called guardians of the environment, the Queensland Greens," Glen Elmes said. ENDS

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