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***** Shorten fails to rule out preference deal with the Greens *****

In today's Advocate, Bill Shorten twice failed to rule out doing a preference deal with the Greens in Braddon.

Pressed by Advocate journalist Rebecca Morris he twice dodged the question by claiming that Labor preferences won't be distributed.

This is not the point, it is the Green preferences which matter - after all, they helped elect Ms Keay last time.

Labor are also contesting four other by-elections on "Super Saturday" where Green preferences will be important.

"It wouldn't be the first time Labor has traded Tasmania away for Green preferences on the mainland so the people of Braddon deserve a straight answer," Senator Colbeck said.

"So it's a simple question: will Mr Shorten rule out doing a preference deal with the Greens, yes, or no?"

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