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Keay's Bold-Faced Lie Derails Labor Campaign

Former Braddon MP Justine Keay has been exposed in an act of brazen deception towards the Tasmanian people in the final days of the campaign.

"Ms Keay, in prepared remarks that she later double down on, told the people of Braddon at the TCCI forum that her party would match the Coalition Government's business tax reduction to 25%,"* Senator Richard Colbeck said.

"Only weeks before, in the wake of his humiliating backflip, Bill Shorten told the Burnie community that he would freeze the business tax reduction at 27.5%."**

"Justine Keay has publicly lied and, like Ross Hart, refused to honestly back her leader on company tax cuts because she knows just how poisonous Bill Shorten's plan to repeal legislated tax cuts for small business really is."

The Labor campaign has been dogged by Chamber scandals, with the Devonport ticket sales snub, then the backflip weasel words at Burnie, and finally this out and out lie to the Tasmania-wide branch.

"Ms Keay has form when it comes to lying in the dying days of an election campaign: in 2016 she lied about her dual citizenship and Mediscare."

"In 2018 the voters of Braddon deserve better than the desperate and manipulative approach of Bill Shorten's protégé who says one thing in Braddon and another in Canberra."

**"There will be no repeal of legislated tax cuts for small business. I get that you need certainty and you'll get it." – Justine Keay, prepared remarks to Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Monday 23 July 2018)*

***"Any implemented tax rate as of the election will be honoured. I accepted that argument that we needed to provide certainty. So any tax scale that you're paying at the time of the election will be honoured, no question. People need that certainty." – Bill Shorten, prepared remarks to Burnie Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Thursday 5 July 2018)*

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