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As a member for nearly 40 years, and having held a number of positions within the ALP as well as being a candidate I am absolutely appalled at the position you are taking on Federal Executive deciding my local candidate.

The fact that there is no reason for this to be done other than seemingly to pitchfork someone the Fed. Ex. wants into the position.

Now that there is a glimmer of hope that we may win the upcoming the election you wish to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

You must know that the Hotham pre-selection will be a bitter fight over a safe seat.

One candidate is almost universally detested by active members and I am referring to Rosemary Barker and another is seen as an outstanding candidate in Geoff Lake.

We in Hotham have a history of standing up for our rights. Look back to 2006.

If you want to see a local blue of epic proportions – that will not be conducted only within the party but publicly then go ahead – be it on your head to turn a safe seat to an unseemly brawl , just the picnic the conservatives want!

Democracy is demanded here and if you wish to ride rough shod over the rank and file watch out for the fall out.

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