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### **Greens identity crisis: Brown, Green or Grey – what colour are they?**

THE little credibility that the Greens had is close to being completely torn to pieces, KAP Leader and Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter warned as he learned of the former Greens leader Bob Brown's rejection of the proposed wind farm in Tasmania, a move which goes against a core policy in the Greens.

The Tasmanian wind farm, if it proceeds, will be one of the largest wind farms in the world with 200 turbines, but activist and former Greens leader Bob Brown is campaigning to stop the project as he believes it will ruin the view and kill bird life. The Greens have been silent in responding, a move which Mr Katter believes shows they don't know what they stand for – one day renewables, the next day not.

"It seems I am condemned to forever disagree with Bob Brown and the Greens and this is just typical of the lily-pad lefts inconsistency. Hypocrisy and self-interest is in their DNA." Mr Katter said.

"The fact is, in 100 years' time we will find the fossil fuels fairly expensive, and wind beats solar every time. Because with wind turbine towers, which is the main cost, they are showing signs of being far more resilient than solar panels which last for only 20 years.

"But I'll concede this, Australia's desert provides untold possibilities for renewables with virtually no bird life and no human beings to annoy – perhaps Bob Brown should take a look out west if he's so worried about the view?"

Mr Katter said the anti-Tasmanian wind-farm agenda is the latest in a string of anti-development, unfounded scaremongering which is causing untold damage to Australia's tourism, industry and agriculture sectors, particularly in the north.

"The Greens have always been characterised by the total absence of the slightest scintilla of scientific knowledge because they are the bludgerigars, they are the mob that don't like work.

"Instead of spraying pessimisms about the Great Barrier Reef dying, which I might add has been of disastrous consequence in Cairns where we have seen the departure of Cathay Pacific, Free Port has gone after 45 years, the closure of iconic restaurants and long-standing hoteliers putting their accommodation up for sale, the Greens could be working on inland desert renewable projects.

"There is much work to be done for people that love nature but I don't think these people know who they are anymore."

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