IS THIS A LIE OR JUST DECEPTION?

Senator Bob Brown is the leader of the Green party in Australia. The Party is hesitant to outline their whole agenda for the public – especially if it loses them votes.

30th June 2010

Matthew Franklin writing in The Australian stated:

"Labor and trade union figures have ridiculed an offer by the Australian Greens to back the creation of a carbon tax provided Julia Gillard agrees to shut down the coal-fired power industry."

Later on the 30th June 2010

An outraged Greens leader Bob Brown in a press release stated:

"Franklin and the paper are out to mislead their readers over the Greens' carbon tax proposal. The newspaper has consistently attacked the Greens in editorials since 2000. This is The Australian using its news columns to deliberately mislead readers on their way to the ballot box."

The Australian newspaper answers: "You reckon?" And points to a Greens' press release issued the previous day which prompted Franklin's comments.

29th June 2010

A press release from Bob Brown's own party states:

"The new Greens' plan promotes an end to polluting coal-fired power, a national energy efficiency target, and an end to clearance of native forests and wood."

A Test for Bob Brown

If Julia Gillard, Australia's new Prime Minister, offered to shut down all coalfired power stations, would Bob Brown say "No!"?

Note:

The above quotes were taken from The Australian newspaper, "Cut & Paste', 1st July 2010.