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Leader of the State Opposition  
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### ***Does Bartlett have any standards?***

The Tasmanian public is entitled to know whether Premier David Bartlett stands on the astounding claims by the disgraced former Deputy Premier, Bryan Green, that the Tasmanian Compliance Corporation agreement he signed was not secret.

This absurd claim was part of a blatant attempt by Mr Green in Parliament last night to rewrite history on this scandal. Mr Green's breathtaking audacity and revisionism has put paid to Mr Bartlett's strategy of trying to pretend the whole sordid affair never happened.

With speculation mounting that Mr Green is soon to be rewarded with a Ministerial portfolio – which Mr Bartlett has failed to rule out – Mr Bartlett was challenged twice today in State Parliament to say whether he believed the deal, signed by Mr Green on the eve of the 2006 State election, was secret.

All that was required was a yes or a no, but twice Mr Bartlett went to extreme lengths to avoid answering the question.

Mr Hodgman said it was a staggering claim for Mr Green to make.

The Premier told Parliament the first he knew about the agreement was on June 13, when it was exposed in the Australian newspaper. Mr Lennon also said the agreement should have gone through the Cabinet process, but did not.

In the Supreme Court during one of Mr Green's two criminal trials, his former adviser, Guy Nicholson said:

*If any agreement became public the opposition parties would have a field day...all along we had been very clear this document was very sensitive and would not be made public because it would cause political mayhem.*

Mr Hodgman challenged any Labor Minister or Caucus Member to reveal whether they knew about the agreement before it was signed.

“This government has no shame, and it is incredible that Mr Bartlett made no attempt whatsoever to distance himself from Mr Green’s blatantly misleading statements,” Mr Hodgman said,

“If David Bartlett has sets any standards as the new Premier, then he ought to rebuke Mr Green for his misrepresentation of the facts in Parliament last night, and immediately rule out his elevation to Cabinet.”

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