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Political Sabotage of Canning

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Ministers should be working hard to win the Canning by-election rather than backgrounding against a colleague to scapegoat a potential loss.

Holding out the prospect of a reshuffle and even a double dissolution election smacks of defeatism and a lack of focus on the substantive issues of governing.

The Prime Minister should sack any Minister or adviser who is engaged in such deliberate leaking and destabilisation.

We should be working to achieve a swing to us in this by-election.

We have an excellent candidate in Andrew Hastie who is prepared to serve the people of Canning with the same intelligence, courage and commitment he brought to the battlefield. The people of Canning deserve no less.

They have the opportunity to pass judgement on Bill Shorten, one of the most hollow individuals to ever occupy a leading political office.

This man is so used to backflips, he always books the seat behind him on the aeroplane.

On Friday he was all for Operation Fortitude in Melbourne, on Saturday he was baying for the blood of Australian Border Force.

In theory he supports free trade, but in practice he is running a cynical union funded campaign to sabotage Australia's biggest ever free trade agreement with China.

Last week he fronted the National Reform Summit offering one vague sentence in support of industrial relations reform. This is the man who will not support the passage of legislation to regulate trade unions like other organisations and reinstate a Building and Construction Commission with teeth.

He is fighting tooth and nail to close the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption before he has to appear again in coming weeks.

Mr Shorten is the real enemy, not fellow Liberals.

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