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Senator Alan Eggleston

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Gillard's consultation process a sham

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Prime Minister Gillard has demonstrated once again that the Labor Party is incapable of executing an acceptable consultative process, as shown by her recent half-baked border protection policy, says Western Australian Senator Alan Eggleston.

Having decided to say anything in order to win votes, Senator Eggleston says the Prime Minister has prematurely announced a policy that has drawn widespread criticism from Members of Parliament in East Timor, a crucial strategic nation under Julia Gillard's plan.

"It is one thing to announce a policy that is very much in line with what the Coalition has been proposing for years – but to announce it without properly consulting key allies in the scheme is clearly irresponsible," said Senator Eggleston.

Senator Eggleston added, "Australia is now at the mercy of a Prime Minister who will say anything to win votes and people would be forgiven for thinking that we have gone back to 2007, a time when a certain Labor leader was promising too much."

Senator Eggleston says he is dismayed at the Labor Party's behaviour of engaging in poor consultative processes, spending like there is no tomorrow and playing political games to try and trick the Australian people into believing that overnight the Gillard Government is significantly different to the Rudd Government.

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