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Subject: NC micromanagement of preferences

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I am receiving unhappy sounds from the NC micromanaging preferences. I agree with that. I am unhappy about it too.

The people with the most information, motivation and responsibility are the Candidates and their campaign teams.

I have a fully booked schedule and do not have time to attend snap NC preference meetings. I know that the NC is well motivated and wants to help, but it is not helping.

Preference negotiations are the single most important factor now in winning the campaign and are extremely dynamic. Bar a raid on the embassy, we will not win without them. A great deal of time is being spent on it. At any moment there may need to be a re-adjustment based on a party removing a proposal to us or a new party stepping forward. This may then require adjustment of other preference agreements.

I propose:

- 1) Preferences negotiations will be left up to the lead candidate in each state and their campaign team, with political advice sought and given from individual members of the NC and the campaign as needed.
- 2) With the exception of a pre-existing commitment to Scott Ludlum there should be no other formal restraints during negotiations. The purpose of the party, as defined in its constitution, is not to elect other parties. It is to win.
- 3) That I assess the proposed final negotiations secured by the Candidates and their teams to ensure that none of our Candidates

or their negotiators has at the last moment has become a stalking horse for another party or would be a PR disaster (the latter is unlikely because our Candidates want to win).

4) That the NC then considers and ratifies the final negotiations based on 1-3.

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responses

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This plan works for me. The final ratification would take place on Friday I think. I'll double check that  
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This plan sounds undemocratic and disrespectful to the national council of which I thought Julian was an equal member not the a person who could override choices by issuing statements from afar while not attending any meetings (bar one that I am aware of)

The council is trying to ensure the values of the party are not trodden on in pursuit of deals that have NOT been shown in any real way to clearly benefit us and instead completely compromise our values and risk alienating our base

This is bullshit