

# Greens snub for Crutchfield

THE Greens Party last night decided to direct their preferences towards Labor in two crucial Geelong region seats.

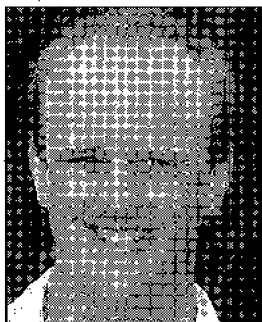
But South Barwon's Labor candidate Michael Crutchfield did not get the Greens' tick of approval despite Labor's pledge against logging in the Otways.

Labor's Lisa Neville was given preference in the Bellarine District and Ian Trezise got the vote in Geelong District.

Greens spokeswoman Andrea Marian said Labor did not automatically get the Greens' preference and the result was a "mixed bag".

She said the party was pleased by the response of candidates who were asked to complete a questionnaire which was electorate-based.

In Geelong Province the Greens preferenced Democrats candidate Erica Menheere-Thompson but



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Liberal candidate Ian Cover was placed last.

Brigitte Ellery, of the Socialist Alliance, was chosen in the Lara District and South Barwon was put forward on a non-preferential ticket.

Ms Marian said voters would be left to decide in South Barwon.

The Greens had said they would wait to announce their preferences in an attempt to canvass more options from the parties.