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Slav-Macedonian newspaper ‘Australian Macedonian Weekly’ misrepresents Australian Greens Party policy on FYROM naming dispute

The perennially racist and deceptive newspaper, the ‘*Australian Macedonian Weekly*’, has again been caught printing fabrications.

An article in the July 20 edition of the AMW, on page 35, stated that “*The Australian Greens are the only political party in Australia that openly supports Macedonia's right to self-identification under its constitutional name.*”

The Australian Macedonian Advisory Council (AMAC) contacted the Greens’ leadership to clarify whether it had such a policy. A letter from Brett Constable, National Manager of the Australian Greens Party, read as follows: ‘*Thank you for your letter of 30 July referring to the Greens policy on the identification of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The Greens do not have a policy on this issue.*’

This letter establishes that, contrary to the AMW’s claims, the Greens do not have a policy on the issue. Further, Mr. Constable’s letter referred only to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM). The AMW would be well-advised to cease its constant falsifications regarding Macedonian history and Australian politics.

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