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The Scottish Labour candidate in Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire is openly seeking SNP votes in the forthcoming election – by promising that Jeremy Corbyn will deliver a second referendum on independence.

In Facebook posts on April 26th, Sally Prentice declared, “SNP voters: the only way you’re going to get to ask the question again is if Jeremy Corbyn is in number 10”.

She also posted a graphic declaring: “A vote for Labour in Scotland is a chance of indyref2.”

Commenting, Rachael Hamilton, the Scottish Conservative candidate for Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire said:

“This is astonishing. On the one hand, this Labour candidate is promising people she will oppose a second referendum.

“Yet, on social media, she is openly trying to win a few SNP votes by backing a second referendum.

“Either Kezia Dugdale knew about this and thinks it’s OK, or she has lost control over her embattled party.

“This is more confirmation that, under Jeremy Corbyn and Kezia Dugdale, Scottish Labour cannot be trusted to defend the decision we made in 2014 to stay part of the UK.

“We said No. We meant it. Why can’t Labour stand up for the decision we made?

“It also confirms that the only a vote for the Scottish Conservatives will respect the decision we made to stay in the UK.”