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RUDD DIVISIVE ON APOLOGY

The way Kevin Rudd has handled the issue of an apology is arrogant, divisive and insincere Senator Cormann said from Canberra today.

In Canberra for a Liberal Party Room meeting he said that to be meaningful any apology had to be sincere.

“To be sincere it would have to have the support of the Australian people” he said.

“It is obvious that when it comes to Aboriginal Affairs, Kevin Rudd has decided to pick up where Paul Keating left off, approaching things with arrogance and quite happy to be divisive.

“If the secrecy with which Kevin Rudd and Labor has been handling this is any indication of how they will approach their time in Government Australians ought to be very concerned.

“After 12 years in Opposition this is Labor’s first priority when Parliament resumes.

“Yet with less than a week to go we still have not seen the proposed wording of an apology.

“The way Kevin Rudd and Labor are forcing this onto Parliament, and through Parliament onto the Australian people is nothing short of disgraceful.

“It is time Kevin Rudd took the Australian people into his confidence.

“It is time Kevin Rudd told his bureaucrats and spin doctors, locked away in a darkened room somewhere ‘fine tuning’ the wording that time is up.

“It is high time to stop playing politics with the apology and to let the Australian people know what is being proposed,” Senator Cormann said.