#GE2017 Kezia Dugdale has a message before the election

Labour Leader Kezia Dugdale has urged voters to send Nicola Sturgeon a message to drop her plans for a divisive second independence referendum by voting Labour today.

Ms Dugdale said voters could tell the SNP leader to get back to the job of fixing the mess she has made of Scottish schools and hospitals by backing their Labour candidate at the ballot box.



In seats across Scotland, she says it is only Labour that can beat the SNP — and it is only Labour that can defeat the Tories across the UK and form the next government.

She added that a vote for Labour will deliver a government led by Jeremy Corbyn for the many, not the few, including a £10 living wage, a £3 billion investment in public services, and an end to austerity.

Despite the First Minister's revelation on the STV debate on Tuesday night that Kezia Dugdale had conceded that she would consider dropping opposition to a second independence referendum in light of the Brexit result this is what she had to say: "By voting Labour today, people across Scotland can send Nicola Sturgeon a message to drop her plans for a divisive second independence referendum.

"Scottish Labour will never support independence or a divisive second independence referendum.

"A vote for Labour today will tell Nicola Sturgeon to get back to fixing the mess she has made of our schools and hospitals.

"But a vote for Labour will also deliver a government led by Jeremy Corbyn for the many, not the few, including a £10 living wage, a £3billion investment in public services here in Scotland and an end to austerity.

"We are in touching distance of a Labour government — and people across Scotland need to get out and vote for it."