

A Parliament for the South East? Madness.

A letter to the Herald, August 2009

Sir -

It beggars belief that Labour now want to resurrect plans for regional assemblies, despite the idea being overwhelmingly kicked out in the North East referendum five years ago.

New local government minister, Rosie Winterton, has confirmed her desire to revive John Prescott's failed blueprint. It would lead to 'a parliament for the South East' as part of a series of regional assemblies, paid for by a new regional levy on council tax.

Such a move would be unwise at the best of times. But in the current economic situation it would be utter madness.

Everyone knows that spending needs to be reined in, not added to by unnecessary extra bureaucracy. We simply cannot afford for Labour politicians to continue chasing their pet projects in the dying days of this dreadful government.

Sincerely

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