

Sturgeon to continue independence push

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The Scottish Conservatives have criticised the SNP's determination to "wrench Scotland" out of the United Kingdom.

The criticism comes after it has emerged SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon has decided to meet the Scottish Independence Convention (SIC) in the coming weeks to "move forward the case for independence in the current political landscape."

The meeting, confirmed to the National by SIC, has been suggested by sources as a way to allow the SNP to engage with the "wide independence movement."

After Sturgeon suggested the SNP's regression in June's General Election would see the party wait until the terms of Brexit were clear before considering a Section 30 order – the legislation needed to hold a legally valid referendum – the Scottish Conservatives are urging the SNP to drop its push for a divisive second independence referendum.

Scottish Conservative shadow finance secretary Murdo Fraser said:

"So much for the First Minister's claims that her Government would get back to the day job. Nicola Sturgeon is showing where her true priority lies, and it's not Scotland's economy, health service or education.

"The First Minister spending her time meeting independence campaigners will simply confirm the Scottish public's view that independence always has and always will be the only thing the SNP cares about.

"People are growing hugely frustrated at the SNP's neglect over a vast range of issues to instead focus on its blinkered obsession to wrench Scotland out of the United Kingdom."

A copy of the National article:

http://www.thenational.scot/news/15431319.Nicola_Sturgeon_to_meet_with_Scottish_Independence_Convention_to_discuss_ho