



## 1, Brown square off before election

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Australian Greens leader Bob Brown has hit out at election campaign criticism from the church group, Exclusive Brethren.

The group is dropping election material in mail boxes around the state, urging people to be careful about voting for the Greens.

The material, titled 'To the Citizens of Tasmania' and authorised by 51 church members, alleges the Greens are anti-development and have immoral policies.

Senator Brown says the Exclusive Brethren, while advocating how people should vote, have never been allowed by their church leader to vote themselves.

"I don't think people will take much notice of what the Exclusive Brethren, with their weird policies of not allowing married women to work, of banning their children from being allowed a university education and of dividing families forever if there's an adult who's got the sense enough to say I'm not going to follow Bruce Hales anymore."

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