

Exclusive Brethren weighs up involvement in 2008 election

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The Exclusive Brethren Church is weighing up its involvement in the next election and wants to preserve its right to campaign.

The church ran a controversial \$1.2 million campaign against Labour and the Green parties before the 2005 election.

The Government has said it hopes proposed electoral law reform will stop negative third party campaigns.

However, church spokesperson Neville Simmons says the Government is attempting to bully its critics into silence.

Mr Simmons says the church is not afraid of law reform aimed at making campaigns more transparent.

He says the church learned a lot during the last election and is now looking at what its strategy will be, if it chooses to get involved in the 2008 election.

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