

Electoral bill flawed, says former PM

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A former Labour prime minister has again criticised the controversial Electoral Finance Bill, describing it as flawed.

The bill, which sets out new rules for next year's election campaign, is set to be passed in Parliament on Tuesday.

Mike Moore says it will restrict people from campaigning in an election year. He says the Labour Party is too traumatised by the activities of the Exclusive Brethren at the last election.

"These were evil, awful people. But they are using a sledgehammer to crack a few nuts. The scope of the bill is going to do all sorts of things that are unpleasant."

Mr Moore, who also criticised the bill earlier this year, says it is never too late for the party to admit it was wrong to introduce the bill.

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