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## Greens support Electoral Finance Bill

**Green MP Metiria Turei comes out in support of the electoral finance bill and slams National and Exclusive Brethren**

5 December 2007

The Greens are rebutting right wing criticism of the Electoral Finance Bill.

National is condemning the legislation as an attack on democracy and is accusing Labour of stacking the legal deck in its favour for the next election.

Green MP Metiria Turei says it is interesting to note that most of the hysteria is coming from political parties with big financial backers. She claims National benefited enormously from loopholes in the law at the last election and ruthlessly exploited them. Ms Turei says National's relationship with the Exclusive Brethren campaign is an apt example.

The Greens also say John Boscawen, who organised public protests against the legislation, is linked to the Business Roundtable and accuses the organisation of pulling the strings.

Mr Boscawen admits he is an associate member of the Business Roundtable but says his campaign is his own initiative. He is emphatic that he has received no financial help in any shape or form from the organisation. Mr Boscawen is also a member of ACT which is opposed to the legislation, but he says the only reason he got involved in the issue is because he believes democracy is under attack

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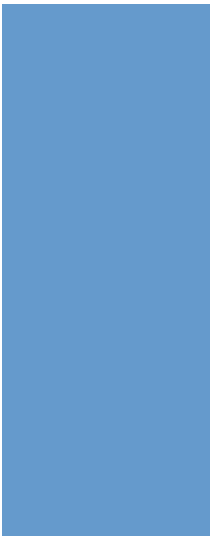
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