

EXCLUSIVE BRETHREN – MP denies message

IN BRIEF

LIBERAL senator Bill Heffernan has denied that he was told by Prime Minister John Howard to spread a message that Liberal MPs should shun help from the Exclusive Brethren.

The Age reported on Saturday that Liberal MPs had been given the message, through Senator Heffernan, not to accept help or donations from the Exclusive Brethren.

But Senator Heffernan told The Age: "I have never had a discussion with the Prime Minister about the Brethren."

He said that like most Liberal members of parliament, he had met Exclusive Brethren representatives, but that he took no notice of what they said because they did not vote.

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