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Greens Fail Openness Test

The Government leader in the Legislative Council, Doug Parkinson, said today the Tasmanian Greens have failed their own tests of openness and transparency by saying they will not co-operate with the police investigation into stolen cabinet documents.

"This is another example of the Greens double standards," Mr Parkinson said.

"They seem to think there is one rule for them and another for everyone else.

"They love the high moral ground but only when they are pointing the finger at others.

"When Greens leader Peg Putt was caught out using a fake document to mislead parliament she thought an apology was enough.

"By the Greens' own claimed standards she should have resigned.

"This weekend we see another example with the Greens Nick McKim saying he will not co-operate with the police investigation into stolen documents.

"That is disgraceful.

"Citizens are duty bound where a crime has been committed to co-operate with the police."

Mr Parkinson called on the Greens to behave properly.

"This is about upholding the law. It is not about playing political games which seems to be the main focus of the Greens," Mr Parkinson said.

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