



**Doug Parkinson, MLC**

Leader for the Government in the  
Legislative Council

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### **Greens Must Cooperate With Investigation**

The State Government has called for the Tasmanian Greens to fully cooperate with an investigation by the public accounts committee into their alleged misuse of taxpayer funds for political advertising.

“The Greens should put all the documents on the table at the public accounts committee and let the parliamentary watchdog make a determination,” said the Leader for the Government in the Legislative Council, Doug Parkinson.

“That will determine whether the Auditor General should investigate the matter, because ultimately he is the person who makes sure public monies are spent properly.

“Ms Putt says she has done nothing wrong, so she should not object to the public accounts committee having a look at how this money was expended and whether or not it was done properly.

“Just imagine what the Greens would be saying if the Labor or Liberal party had put a political advertisement to air with party logos to make a political statement using taxpayer funds.

“Paul Harriss has given notice of his intention for the matter to be referred to the public accounts committee and we will be supporting that.”

Mr Parkinson said the matter is likely to be put to the Legislative Council on Tuesday.

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