

LIBERAL LEAFLET INSULTING SAYS IVES

The Liberals were insulting Nunawading voters by recycling outdated literature, the ALP Candidate for Nunawading Province, Mr Bob Ives, said today.

Mr Ives said the Liberals were circulating in Nunawading a leaflet on the Upper House which they began handing out before the last State election.

Deliveries of the leaflet stopped after the Premier announced that the Government would reform the Upper House, Mr Ives said.

"Now the Liberals are circulating this discredited document in the Nunawading campaign.

"Perhaps this is the best indication yet that the Liberals have no new ideas or policies to put before Nunawading voters.

"Or maybe someone has thrown a spanner into their printing works."

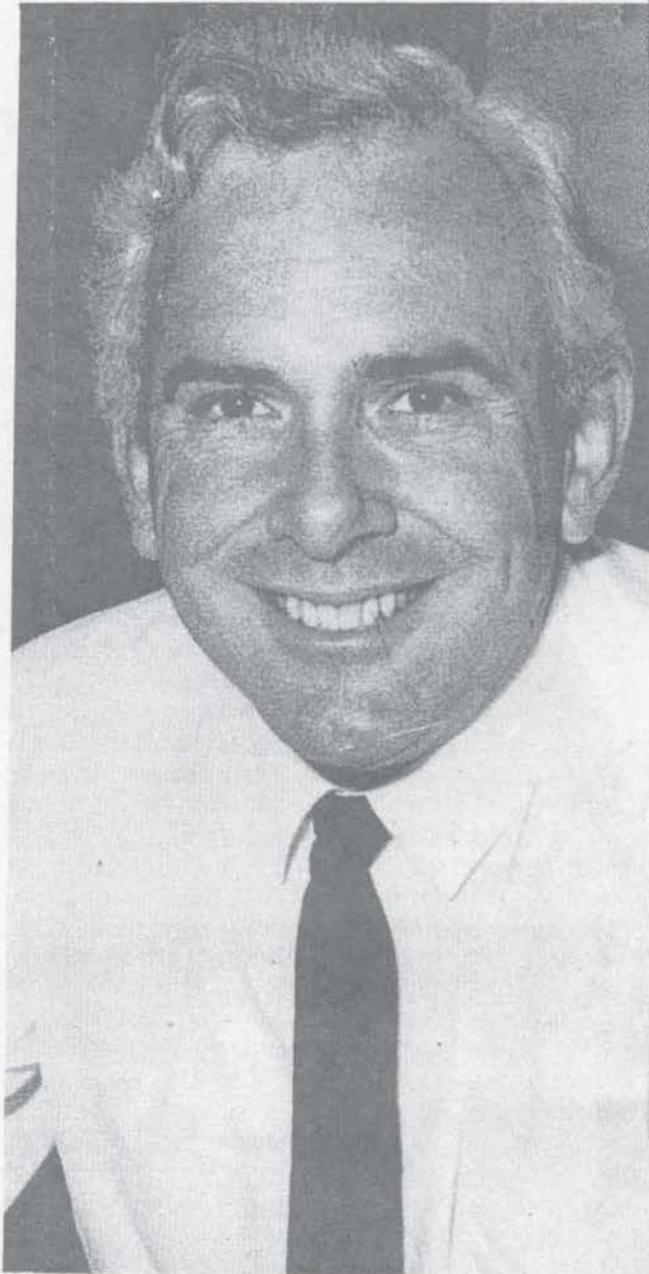
Mr Ives said that by contrast Labor had produced a campaign brochure which was topical and addressed the vital issues in Nunawading.

"We're proud of our literature and we have received a good reaction to it.

"We certainly would not insult voters' intelligence by peddling second-hand literature."

Mr Ives said the Premier had recently reaffirmed his Government's commitment to introduce proportional representation in the Legislative Council.

He said the reform package, which would be introduced in the next two years, would make the Legislative Council a genuine house of review.



Other key parts of the package included an upgraded committee system and simultaneous elections for both Houses.

Details of the package would be finalised after detailed discussions with all political parties and any other relevant interest groups.

"In the circumstances, the Liberals' scare campaign on the Upper House is totally irrelevant," Mr Ives said.

"I urge voters to consider on their merits the Government's concrete proposals to reform and strengthen the Legislative Council, and to reject the cheap scare campaign being run by the Liberals.

"The Liberals' irresponsible and deceptive campaign shows yet again that to give Jeff Kennett control over the Government's responsible and constructive programmes would be an enormous risk."