



POWER GOES TO BROWN'S HEAD

Victorian shooters have questioned whether Greens leader Bob Brown has rejected the need for facts after calling for a ban on handguns, after claiming to have received death threats over the carbon tax debate.

Mr Brown said that the shooting of a recent US Congresswoman in the US was a reminder of his concerns about handguns.

“There are two conclusions that anyone can reach about Bob Brown,” said Combined Firearms Council of Victoria spokesperson, Bill Paterson.

“Firstly, Bob Brown has a long history of calling for a ban on handguns so linking an unspecified safety threat to one of his pet policy platforms is a new low in Australian politics.”

“Secondly, Mr Brown uses an American example to justify a change in the Australian situation. He ignores the fact that in Australia, you cannot obtain a legal handgun without being extensively vetted by the police – and they will not issue licences to anybody with an unstable history. There is simply no comparison to the US in this context”

Mr Paterson said his organisation warned shooters prior to the election that the Greens would, if they achieved a position of influence, seek to restrict the activities of hunters and shooters.

He said Mr Brown should report any threats he receives to the police rather than running to the media. He said people are entitled to be suspicious over whether Mr Brown has received any threat at all.

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