

FANGs out for nuclear rush

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THE federal government's rush for nuclear power could be the key to their downfall in the senate according to Greens candidate Scott Ludlam.

A key member of the revamped Fremantle Anti Nuclear Group and a former Fremantle resident, Mr Ludlam believes voters are concerned about the government controlling both houses of Parliament and will be looking to reinstate a balance.

"It's either the Christian Right or the Greens – or the [Liberal] government which would be a disaster," he said, ruling out Labor as having any chance.

The Howard government is pushing nuclear as the answer to dirty power such as coal, but the maker of the doco *Climate of Hope* says it doesn't stack up financially or environmentally and more should be done to develop alternative energy.

"If the government is serious it's basically risky and foolhardy.



• Going federal FANG founder Scott Ludlam

"But I think it's a strategy to split Labor and a front for the uranium industry," he said.

The once single-issue anti-nuke activist reckons his involvement with Aboriginal land rights at Jabiluka and the fight to save rock art on WA's Burrup Peninsula has seen a broadening of his focus to include social issues.

The 37-year-old joined the Greens in 2000 and has travelled the state extensively while working

for Greens senator Rachael Siewert and state Green Robin Chapple.

Greens pin-up Bob Brown will be at the Fremantle Town Hall on Thursday July 26, 7pm for a debate with nemesis John Howard (aka comedian John How-odd). Tickets are \$50 booking essential on 9221 8333.