

`Bigots' papers facing scrutiny

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A DOCUMENT distributed in Tasmania advocating white supremacy is to be referred to

the Anti-Discrimination Commission today.

Braddon Liberal MHA Jeremy Rockliff said yesterday he would refer a document from the World Church of the Creator to the Anti-Discrimination Commission, describing it as a ``disgusting piece of literature".

``I believe this material would be likely to offend all reasonable Tasmanians, not to mention the minority and religious groups who are targeted by it in such a loathsome way," he said.

Based in the US state of Wyoming, the World Church of the Creator is a white supremacy group founded in 1973 with the motto `` RaHoWa ", meaning Racial Holy War.

It was one of the most notorious hate groups of the 1990s, gaining publicity for its rapid growth and the violent incidents with which it was associated.

Most of its members are young, white males.

The documents have been distributed on Tasmania's North-West Coast.

Mr Rockliff, who was handed the offending document by a concerned citizen, said he hoped the ``cowardly bigots" behind the material were stopped and ``shown in no uncertain terms that their appalling propaganda is not welcome in our state".

``The white supremacy promoted in this literature is obscene and highly denigrating of a range of religious and racial groups, including Jews, Christians and blacks," Mr Rockliff said.

``This dangerous extreme-right organisation and its provocative and highly offensive views have no place at all in our community."

Mr Rockliff said he would contact the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Commission this morning and ask it to investigate the material for possible breaches of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

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