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"Don't Let Eames-Bradley Slip Through"



"A week is a long time in politics---and certainly long enough for some people to hope that the Eames-Bradley report can still be slipped through further down the line.

"Feedback to me and what I have heard and read on radio, television and newspapers would suggest that there is still huge anger across Northern Ireland about some specific proposals and the general thrust of the Report.

"I said last week that I rejected Eames-Bradley in its entirety. I haven't shifted from that position. The debate in the Assembly last Monday didn't kill off the Report. It left it in a sort of limbo--but with enough life in it to still be very dangerous.

"The definition of "victim" remains the Trojan Horse, not only in this Report, but in various other Bills and documents as well. It is that definition which needs to be radically altered and it is that definition which the Ulster Unionist Party will continue to try and change.

"So I would urge all unionist parties and various groups within the pro-Union community to work together and agree a common definition and strategy to deal with what remains a very serious issue.

"Too often in the past we content ourselves with a "three-day wonder" response to matters like this and then back off or move on to other things. But not this time. The long term consequences of this definition and the Eames-Bradley Report are too dangerous to be left alone.

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