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Minority Government: The Liberal Green Experience in Tasmania (Australasian Study of Parliament Group 2012) is a provocative book which suggests that the Liberal Party in Tasmania can work well in minority government when supported by the Greens. Indeed such government can be dynamic, cooperative and reformist, as well as subject to the greater uncertainty and more intense politics that accompanies minority government. The book includes a number of case studies which demonstrate both the policy productivity and economic stringency of the green supported Rundle Liberal minority government (1996-98). It finds that this was indeed a reformist government, with major impact across very many policy portfolios, operating in the most difficult of political circumstances which ultimately led to its downfall. It is a critical study of the conservative Tasmanian Liberal Party attempting to govern with the support of their ideological opponents the Tasmanian Greens.

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