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Victoria – ‘the place to dump’?

Country Alliance has supported the position taken by independent Mildura MP Russell Savage, in opposing a toxic waste dump at Nowingi.

The State Government is likely to proceed with the creation of a dump after an Environmental Effects Statement gave the site the green light.

Alliance spokesperson, Russell Pearson, said the decision is another example of bad policy for regional Victoria.

"Why should regional Victoria be used as the dumping ground for city people?" he said.

"Regional communities and industries do not dump their rubbish in the city, so we don't believe city rubbish should be dumped in a corner of the state which happens to be as far away from the city as possible."

Mr Pearson said the decision follows other decisions made by state and federal governments such as banning the Mountain Cattlemen, expanding the Otways National Park and the sale of Telstra which do nothing for regional communities.