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## **Independents congratulated over Snowy Hydro deal collapse**

The Country Alliance party has congratulated the independent members for Gippsland East, Craig Ingram, and Mildura, Russell Savage for their leadership in forcing the backdown on the sale of the Snowy Hydro.

Alliance spokesperson, Russell Pearson, said their persistence and ability to put the interests of their electorates first were the only reasons the sale was formally dumped earlier today.

“Everybody else wanted to sell it,” he said.

“The Federal Government and the New South Wales and Victorian State Governments had already figured out how they wanted to spend the money, but the independents had other ideas.”

Mr Pearson said that country Victoria needed more independent MPs like Mr Ingram and Mr Savage.

“People don’t want Governments to sell things that belong to them. They are elected to look after them, not sell them,” he said.

“If you polled people on the sale of Telstra or for that matter Medibank Private – which we all own, you’ll get exactly the same result.”

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