

MEDIA RELEASE**HODGE REJECTS ‘NON FAMILY’
SCHOOL MATERIAL**

Country Alliance’s candidate for the Western Victoria Region, Miles Hodge, has called on the Victorian State Government to put an immediate stop to disseminating information to school children from special interest groups.

Mr Hodge said he was particularly concerned about a proposal for schools to drop the terms "mother" and "father" in favour of "parent" or "carer", saying it would downgrade the meaning of marriage and family life to include homosexual partnerships.

Mr Hodge also expressed concern about reports of the animal liberation group, Voiceless, taking its messages into classrooms promoting vegetarianism.

“The information disseminated by Voiceless is, in reality, part of a sustained attack on rural industries that are the lifeblood of country communities,” he said.

Mr Hodge has called on the State Premier to advise his Minister for Education to put an immediate stop to the practice of ‘brainwashing’ school children by groups promoting their own special interests.

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