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Victoria – Closed For Business?

Businesses in regional Victoria will have to shut their doors if the Greens get their way after the release of their animal welfare statement, according to the Country Alliance party.

The statement, recently released by the Greens, promises to abolish rodeos, steeple-chasing and displays of animals at regional shows. It also promises to end recreational hunting, phase out meat and egg farming that is not ‘free range’ and introduce bans on recreational fishing where it “adversely affect(s) non target species”.

Alliance spokesperson, Russell Bate, said that the Greens policies will shut down country towns which survive on major attractions such as agricultural shows, fishing and rodeos. He urged voters to understand that this year’s state election will be crucial for country Victoria.

“I’m not even sure that Greens understand how important these events are to regional communities,” he said.

“How else can I put it? A vote for the Greens is a vote to shut down local communities”

Mr Bate said the proposal to wipe out recreational hunting, which is worth at least \$40m to the Victorian economy every year, was at direct odds to the views many of the world’s major conservation organisations including the IUCN (the World Conservation Union) and the WWF.

“Green's are supposed to be about conservation but seem to have become the political wing of the animal liberation movement. Even Germany, which has included animal rights in its constitution, actively encourages hunting. The position of the Greens simply doesn’t make any sense” he said.

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