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## **Liberals challenged over Greens preferences**

A Country Alliance candidate has challenged the Liberal Party not to give its preferences to the Greens at this year's state election.

Miles Hodge, who is standing as a candidate in Western Victoria, issued the challenge after a recent media release issued by the Liberal's Shadow Minister for Country Victoria, Philip Davis, described Greens policies as "extreme and showed little insight into the lives of country Victorians".

"Well, if that's Mr Davis' opinion, then the logical thing to do is for his party to put the Greens last," he said.

"They should not give their preferences to a party that they believe have extreme policies and which are not in their constituent's best interests. It would be morally reprehensible for them to do that."

Mr Hodge said that Country Alliance had declared in July that it would put the Greens last, and that the National Party followed suit earlier this month.

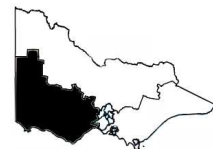
"Liberal Party Upper House MP, Graeme Stoney told Parliament only two weeks ago that the policies of the Greens was not in the best interests of country Victorians and explained what their election could mean," Mr Hodge said

"However the biggest threat for country Victoria is in the city where the Greens have a stronger following. I would urge all major parties, particularly those with a strong metropolitan following, to put the Greens last - for Victoria's sake," he said.

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*(The media release issued by Mr Davis is titled "Greens ban on recreational hunting ridiculous", 21/8/6)*