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## **Hodge challenges Greens on fishing - for a second time**

COUNTRY ALLIANCE'S CANDIDATE for Western Victoria Region, Miles Hodge, today called on the Greens to publicly condemn and disassociate themselves from the criminal and lunatic actions of a group of eco-terrorists who wantonly killed 250,000 young trout in South Australia.

Mr. Hodge said these actions were similar in intent to the actions of groups here in Victoria in the past who set out to disrupt the lawful pursuits of recreationalists.

'In this case the killing of such a significant number of animals by these ratbags deserve nothing less than the most severe criticism by any Party and individual purporting to care for the rights of animals and wishing to ascribe the rights of a "being" to a fish" Mr Hodge said.

Mr. Hodge also pointed out that over three months ago he had asked the Greens if they would disassociate themselves from the animal rights group PETA. He is still waiting for an answer.

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