

Country Alliance welcomes Labor's identical position on wild cat imports

The Country Alliance party has welcomed the decision by Federal Minister Peter Garrett earlier this month to ban the importation of the Savannah cat, following an identical call by the party in June for an immediate moratorium on the importation of the breed.

Party spokesman, Andrew Jones, said the cat, which is a cross breed between the domestic cat and African Serval, would have created an unacceptable risk to wildlife if it escaped into the broader environment.

“The cat has an acute hunting instinct and can jump as high as 2 metres” he said.

“It is another instance of Country Alliance leading by example. We previously had another political party develop a policy on poker machines prior to the last state election which was identical to our own.”

“These may be simple coincidences, but it definitely means we have the right policies in place, particularly as we head towards the 2010 state election.”

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