

Stop Playing Politics - Do Something for Drought Victims: CA

The Country Alliance party has called upon both sides of parliament not to forget the true victims of the drought – country Victoria.

The call comes on the back of a report featured on the ABC highlighting the impact of the current drought on farming communities.

“The report showed that farmers are having to find second jobs: that wives are now taking on tasks that their husbands were doing and that their kids are now missing higher education opportunities to help keep the farm going,” said spokesman, Russell Bate.

“Farming families are fighting hard to keep their farms, most of which have been in the family for generations, and the difficulty of this struggle is simply not appreciated by those living in the city.”

Mr Bate said both sides of politics needed to work harder to understand and support regional communities who ultimately feed and clothe those living in our cities.

“The situation is now so dire it goes beyond political point scoring and requires a bi-partisan approach.”

“Things have never been tougher in the country, especially with the impact of our current financial crisis, and when the families have to pull their kids out of school something has to change. This is a situation that would not be tolerated in our cities” Bate said.

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