

## **Alliance Starts Choosing Lead Candidates For 2010 State Election**

The Country Alliance party has started its pre-selection for next year's state election by choosing Miles Hodge and Andrew Jones to run as the lead candidates in the Western and Eastern Victoria Regions.

Mr Hodge and Mr Jones were the party's candidates for the same seats for the 2006 Victorian State Election and used their preferences to stop the Greens from increasing their representation in parliament.

Party spokesman, Russell Bate, said the party had no difficulty confirming the nominations at last Saturday's Executive meeting.

"For us, it was a very simple decision. Both Miles and Andrew ran impressive campaigns and both are keen to try again", he said.

Mr Bate also said the party hoped to make an announcement on the lead candidate for the Northern Victoria Region, but would not elaborate.

"All I can say, is that we are putting together a very formidable team."

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