

# **Liberals mirror Country Alliance fire levy policy**

The Country Alliance party says it is heartened to see that the Liberal Party appears to support its policies.

Party spokesman, Russell Bate, said Upper House Liberal MP, David Koch recently told parliament that the costs of fire services should be tied to municipal rates rather than insurance policies, to ensure a more equitable spread across property owners.

“This is appropriate because the current system means that those who do not insure, don’t pay their fair share,” he said.

“This is a carbon copy of one of the policies we took to the 2006 state election, and are heartened to see that the Liberal Party has woken up to the importance of policies such as this in the wake of the bushfires.”

“We have other policies they can use if they like – such as the collection of fallen timber for firewood on public land and stopping the creation of more national parks.”

“However the Liberals were silent on the River Red Gum proposals before the fires, so we are concerned about why the Liberals might now be concerned about this particular matter.”

For media comment contact Russell Bate on 0425 729 811 (mob) or (03) 5777 0750

Website: [www.countryalliance.org](http://www.countryalliance.org)

Admin: [admin@countryalliance.org](mailto:admin@countryalliance.org) / ph 0425 746 066