

Another sell-out of regional Victoria!

The Country Alliance party said that events in the Victorian parliament last week demonstrated yet again why regional Victoria could not rely on the major political parties to look after its interests.

Last week the Legislative Assembly passed legislation which locks up red gum areas along the Murray River by establishing more national parks.

Party spokesperson said Mr Jones says the Government is closing timber mills and renegeing on earlier commitments made to recreational users of the land to pander to “inner Melbourne latte sippers”.

“Premier Brumby and Minister Jennings gave an undertaking late last year that these activities would be protected on some of the land as a compromise between recreational land users and Melbourne greenies,” he said.

“Instead they have renegeed. With this Melbourne-centric Government, people living in regional Victoria don’t appear to count.”

Mr Jones said that the legislation also expands native title rights by stealth.

“This move will apply to all parks and not just the new Murray River parks,” Mr Jones said.

“It’s affirmative action gone mad with no tangible environmental advantages.”

“Unfortunately the problem is, the Liberals are not much better The Liberals and Nationals have a cynical strategy. The Nationals tell people in regional Victoria what they want to hear, while the Liberals pander to city greens - but the Nationals have to toe the Liberal line.”

The Coalition sell-out on the North-South pipeline shows what happens when the Liberals have to choose between Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Mr. Jones said that the red gum legislation was another reminder that regional Victoria needed a political party committed to the interests of regional Victoria, rather than having to depend on political parties which were comprised by always putting Melbourne first.

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