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CA meets in Mildura

The Country Alliance party says it held a full executive meeting in Mildura on Saturday afternoon as part of its preparations for this years state election in November.

“Mildura has one of the highest concentrations of Country Alliance members and I believe this reflects the widespread dissatisfaction of regional Victorian communities who have become increasingly tired of the focus of the major parties on suburban Melbourne,” he said.

“The executive was quite keen to address matters of importance for regional Victoria and I anticipate that a number of policy announcements will result from the meeting and from our conversations with members of the local community”

Mr Bate said that the meeting resolved a number of matters including issues of particular interest to the Sunraysia district that it will address in the lead up to November’s election.

“For example, there was considerable discussion on the management of water issues, planning laws and the need for more dams closer to Melbourne to supply its growing population and to stop the government from taking water from regional Victoria.”

“These are all issues that the ALP and coalition have failed to address and that are causing real hardship in rural Victoria and in particular in Mildura and surrounding communities.”

The party ran local irrigator Danny Lee as a candidate for the Upper House at the 2006 Victorian State Election. Mr Lee missed out on being elected by a very narrow margin.

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