

THE IMPACT OF ‘GREEN EXTREMISM’

“I have a farm that provides urbanites with milk for their lattes, wool for their socks, lamb and beef for their restaurants and what do I get?

I have to pay for permission to build a dam on my property, they want me to pay for firewood that I take from my property.

They want vets to dock my lambs and they have banned my foxhounds from tracking deer in the few state forests that remain??!! ”

– farmer from Buninyong

Australia has a proud history. From gold prospectors to cattlemen – from small town hospitality to big farm opportunities, we have a lot to fight for.

Unfortunately it is also a country in which informed democracy is being eroded by policies which have neglected the needs of regional areas and in particular, the propaganda of persistent ‘green extremists’.

Successive governments have:

- Neglected our needs in favour of questionable economic theories;
- Contributed to the decline of traditional cultures and values;
- Allowed manufacturing and primary industries to perish;
- Neglected the needs of families;
- Permitted unelected and relatively unaccountable bureaucracies to wage ideological war by regulation;
- Encouraged foreign ownership of vital resources and infrastructure; and
- Mastered ‘spin’ in conservation and environmental affairs.

A NEW POLITICAL OPPORTUNITY

Country Alliance is Victoria’s only party dedicated to regional interests. It was formed out of concern about what is happening to our heritage.

Changes to the way the Upper House of the Victorian State Parliament functions mean ‘green extremists’ are likely to have more political influence than before.

There is now a good chance they could gain the balance of power at the next state election – and continue attacking the values we want to keep.

We can stop that with your support.

Country Alliance promotes the basic values of democracy, liberty, freedom and personal responsibility.

It also promotes:-

- Development of our regional economy;
- A proper balance between jobs, our ways of life and a healthy, sustainable environment;
- Access to equal services and infrastructure;
- Decentralisation of federal and state government bureaucracies;
- Respect for and access to traditional rural culture, values and aspirations;
- Traditional recreational activities and opportunities;
- Preferring experience and knowledge to ‘science fiction’ on environmental issues; and
- Putting people before ‘party politics’



The mountain cattlemen became pawns in a political preference deal.

THE CURRENT ‘PARTY SYSTEM’

Most MPs are tied by the policies of their party.

If they speak out or vote against the policy of their party, they run the risk of being kicked out of their party.

That was the threat made to the National’s Barnaby Joyce when he thought about voting against the sale of Telstra.

“My party has made its mind up, so I can’t help you. You can get out of my office now”

– an MP from Victoria’s south east responding to a constituent over the traditional use of national parks

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Our recruiting drive continues. This was taken at the Healesville Timber Festival.

Vote 1 – Country Alliance

Tell your friends about the practical alternative to the major parties and the opportunity for better local representation.

Become a member - join a branch.

Or, if there isn’t a branch in your area – and you agree with the need to stop the ‘urban greens’ why not start up a branch up with half a dozen friends ?

JOIN COUNTRY ALLIANCE TODAY

Just tear this form out and pop it in the mail with payment (\$20) today.

Name: Mr/Mrs/Ms.....

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Address:.....

.....State: P/Code

Date of Birth:

Phone – home: Ph –other:

Email:

Signature:

Country Alliance is registered as a political party in Victoria and intends to register federally. It is a requirement that we provide the Australian Electoral Commission with details of our membership list and copies of forms for registration purposes. By joining, you agree to the rules of the party.

Please circle the appropriate responses.

Are you on the State and Federal electoral rolls? Y / N
Are you a member of another political party? Y / N

The yearly membership fee is \$20. Please send this form with payment to:

Country Alliance
Reply Paid 253
Mitcham Vic 3132
(no stamp needed on envelope)

Membership is subject to acceptance by the Management Committee



‘THE NEW SYSTEM’

The Upper House of Victoria’s State Parliament now operates on a system called ‘proportional representation’.

Victoria is now divided up into 8 regions from which 40 MPs are elected (ie five MPs from each region). Five of these regions are centred around Melbourne and the remaining 3 cover regional Victoria.

A Parliamentary report said that the Greens are likely to win up to 5 seats – mostly from city areas - and probably hold the balance of power. The risk of this happening will remain with us to at least the 2010 state election.

Country Alliance hopes to ensure this does not happen by contesting the Upper House regions.

More importantly, Country Alliance wants to ensure that its representatives put the interest of their constituents before ‘party politics’.

More information on the way the new system works can be obtained from the website of the Victorian Electoral Commission at www.vec.vic.gov.au.

For more information about Country Alliance, you can contact us at www.countryalliance.org, or by phoning (03) 9017 6119.

Or you can contact your local Country Alliance representative at;

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The only political party providing effective representation for

- **regional families**
- **regional businesses, and**
- **recreational groups**



Help protect our countryside against the increasing influence of ‘green extremists’

Support the party dedicated to *supporting regional communities*

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