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group supports cattlemen**

**Country Voice**

Rural lobby group Country Voice today revealed that it has been involved with mountain cattlemen in planning and supporting action to defy the Bracks government ban on alpine grazing.

"We said at the June rally that if the cattlemen were prepared to put cattle into the high country we would stand with them," said Country Voice chair Bob Richardson.

"We have been meeting and planning with the cattlemen's leaders since June 2005 and have accompanied them on trips to reconnoitre the route of this heritage cattle drive."

"We are assisting them with logistic support along their route."

Mr. Richardson said, "we hope that other country groups are inspired to take similar action. This is much more effective than engaging in the expensive and exhausting consultation processes which have now virtually become an industry."

"We have to recognise that it was civil disobedience by green protestors which ultimately persuaded the government to lock up public land. If we want to take back our country we will have to adopt similar tactics."

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