A relieved Liberal Leader, Mr Jeff Kennett, took most of the credit for the decisive Nunawading vote – although he thanked the Prime Minister for his contribution and

will.

praised the efforts of the National Party, the DLP, the Call to Australia Party, the Mountain Cattlemen and even the Nuclear Disarmament Party, 40 per cent of whose second preferences went to the Liberals.

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The other big losers from Saturday's provincial election were the militant "greenies" of the conservation movement. They mounted a campaign based on the removal of the Mountain Cattlemen's "dirty" horses, cattle and dogs from the High Plains and their replacement with Alpine National Park walking tracks.

The "combined weight" of the Greenies, who so recently had stopped the flooding of the Franklin River, was thrown behind the Democrat candidate and nearly halved his vote. Their Alpine National Park legislation is now further from being made reality than it ever has been.

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