

Keep the cattle

A ban on alpine cattle would have disastrous results, a reader says.

Mountain cattlemen

If cattle are banned from the alps there will be more undergrowth resulting in more danger from lightning strikes. The Forests Commission and CFA volunteers will be risking their lives in century heat, not the conservationists in their air-conditioned buildings.

A. LANDGON,
Beaumaris.

Melbourne welcome

Mr Cain complains that international airlines will not make Melbourne the first stop in Australia for more international flights, yet he will not make Melbourne airport more attractive by closing the nearby chemical disposal tip. The foul odors greet and offend passengers, airport staff and nearby residents. Your move, Mr Cain.

LOUIS TREACY,
Sunbury.

Huts intact

Jenny Sparke's claim (16/8) that most of the huts in the New South Wales high country have been burnt is nonsense. The Kosciusko Huts Association, together with the National Parks Service, helps maintain almost a hundred huts in

the area (1984 annual report) and in recent years only two have been burnt, both accidentally.

STUART BROOKES,
Canterbury.

Alpine huts

Jennie Sparke (16/8) is quite incorrect about a New South Wales Alpine Bill. Cattle were first removed from Kosciusko to prevent erosion over 40 years ago. Most alpine huts have not been burnt down. There are nearly a hundred huts serving public safety needs.

GWYNNYTH TAYLOR,
Forest Hill.

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Exclusive club

With the present controversy over the future of the ABC, I consider it is an exclusive club for English gentlemen and subsidiary of the BBC.

RON MACKAY,
Marlo.

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