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● A cattleman against the proposed Alpine park delivers a leaflet to Edna and Richard Scott, of Ringwood.

## Mountain men hit the campaign trail

**VICTORIAN** mountain cattlemen have hit the city for a final showdown to prevent the proposed Alpine National Park.

The Mountain Cattlemen's Association is backing the Liberal candidate in the Nunawading re-run election, Mrs Rosemary Varty.

And yesterday eight horse-riding cattlemen wearing oilskin coats and drover's hats began distributing 8000 leaflets to letterboxes in the Nunawading electorate.

Today they will be joined by more association members and tomorrow they'll ride

through Ringwood. The association claims the legislation would destroy the high country cattlemen, a part of Australia's heritage and freedom in the mountains.

The Liberals oppose the park, so its fate depends on the balance of power in the Upper House — to be decided in the Nunawading election on August 17.

The cattlemen's publicity officer, Mr Graeme Stoney, criticised the Australian Conservation Foundation for campaigning politically in the electorate.