

PRESERVE HERITAGE

The producer of 'The Man From Snowy River', Geoff Burrows, is a strong advocate of the mountain cattlemen and their right to continue their lifestyle.

"There is no legitimate reason for removing them and the arguments of both the Government and the Conservationists are not based on facts," he says.

"The Government's policy on the national park, which is supported by the Australian Conservation Foundation, is exclusionist and selfish. It is in direct contrast to the cattlemen's heritage which is generous and sharing.

"There is no doubt that the conservation viewpoint is emotional and ultimately elitist."

Mr Burrows says the Government's policy is an attack on a uniquely Australian way of life.

The mountain cattlemen are cast in the mould of the legendary Australian bushman and we owe it to them, as well as to ourselves, to give them our wholehearted support.