



fire hazard.

"Since the State Government purchased Wonnangatta in 1988, the station has deteriorated seriously and is now in a disgraceful condition and is a testimony to the mismanagement," he said.

"We have observed deer wallows and invasive weeds throughout the valley."

"A comprehensive management plan is needed for the station and the State Government should work closely with the Mountain Cattlemen's Association to achieve this before Victoria lose a significant heritage property forever."

"This protest cattle drive has highlighted to members of Country Voice and the wider Victorian community that removing grazing from Alpine National Park is the worst management decision for the environment." Mr. Richardson concluded.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BOB RICHARDSON WHO IS IN THE WONNANGATTA VALLEY TODAY ON SATELITE PHONE; 0420 104 684.

We enclose 4 photographs taken of the protest drive moving along the floor of the Wonnangatta Valley today, Monday, the January 9, 2006.

\* 4 photos & captions to follow \*