

The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria Inc.

AFFILIATED WITH THE VICTORIAN FARMERS' AND GRAZIERS' ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT ...

SECRETARY

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Dear Member,

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Following the election results on Saturday last, it seems inevitable that legislation will be successfully enacted to fulfill the Governments plans to create a huge alpine national park. Whether or not these plans can be successfully justified to the public on economic grounds remains to be seen.

Next Monday, March 11th, we should have a good turnout to take part in the Moomba Festival which is a top rating opportunity for public exposure. There is an urgent need now to extend our image beyond one of romantic history and heritage to such positive values as drought mitigation and the contribution that grazing makes to fire and erosion control and so on.

Saturday, March 16th, I have been asked to act as the opening Chairman of a seminar in Bairnsdale convened by the Association for Protection of Rural Australia. That Association calls for fundamental changes to management or resources and environment within areas of Crown Land. Perhaps a difficult achievement in the light of recent election results, but an alternative land management plan will be put forward that deserves public attention. The objectives are generally in parrallel with our own and I think it should be advisable for any of our members who can be there to attend.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES A. COMMINS President.

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