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The Hon. R. McKenzie, mM.L.C. Minister for Lands
Parliament House
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3002.

Dear Sir,

At our past muster meeting on April 30th, 1982, all aspects of Alpine grazing were discussed and it was decided any problems concerning government departments, be put before the appropriate Minister.

We are gravely concerned at the alarming increase in noxious weeds in inaccessible places on both unoccupied crown lands and National Parks.

We have representatives on every District Advisory Committee in these areas and would be happy to escort you through problem areas.

Wild dogs are increasing annually throughout the area, and trappers have more than they can cope with, particularly, during times of extreme pressure, such as winter and early spring months.

Increasing attention to the problem is required.

This calls for increased trapping and poisoning efforts in the short term and that urgent consideration be given to clearing state owned trees and undergrowth along boundary fence lines so that effective fences can be restored and maintained to protect improved property from the depradations of all wild life and fires.

Conversely, this would have the added benefit of helping to protect state forests and native wild life from wild fires originating within more intensively occupied areas.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of JAMES A. COMMINS, President.