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The Victorian Mountain Cattlemen's recent ride on Parliament House has initiated a movement which could herald a major change in the style of rural lobbying in Australia.

At a private meeting held last night in Melbourne, more than 350 supporters of the Victorian Mountain Cattlemen unanomously decided to form an association to assist the cattlemen with their fight to prevent the extensions to the Alpine National Park and thus indirectly protect cattlemen's rights to alpine grazing and their Mountain heritage and traditions.

Spokesman for the Mountain Cattlemen, Mr. Graeme Stoney from Mansfield said that since the ride a groundswell of support had emerged for the Cattlemen's philosophies of sensible and practical conservation and use of the Alps.

"If this had been a Public Meeting, there isn't a hall in Melbourne that could accommodate the people wishing to attend", Mr. Stoney said.

Chairman of the Cattlemen Associates is Mr. Bill Sweetland of Hawthorn, telephone 818 2236 and Mrs. Sue Silvers of Balwyn is Secretary, telephone 859 3165.

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