May 6, 1985.

The Hon. E. Walker, M.L.C.
Minister for Agriculture and
Rural Affairs
Parliament House
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3002.

Dear Mr. Walker,

Members of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria Inc., are concerned that during the 12 months that has passed since we had on site discussion with you, much has transpired and me may be out of touch with current developments.

We have been pleased to note that the Minister for Conservation, Forests and Lands has in reply to a question in Parliament, reaffirmed your assurance that cattle grazing in National Parks will continue.

We also note that there appears to be a move towards accommodating the ideas of conservation bodies, many of whom are strongly opposed to the presence of cattle in the alpine area.

Members of our Association feel that we also can offer sound advice of a practical nature, and that you might be able to involve some of our people for some positive input toward planning of future National Park management. It is felt that the families with a long background of experience and observation can more than match the contribution of people with short connections in the area.

I would like to think that we could be involved at an advanced level of planning future alpine area management and would appreciate your response to this proposition.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES A. COMMINS. President.