

# The Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria

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Dear Associates,

The Mountain Cattlemen will announce today (Wednesday) that they have no option but to campaign for the Liberal Party in the Nunawading by election.

On Friday 9th August, Cattlemen and those friends who wish, are riding from Eastfield Park, Eastfield Road to Ringwood and return. We are drawing public attention to the disadvantages of the proposed Alpine Park (including its cost to the taxpayer), and to the motives of extreme conservationists who are supporting political parties in this election.

Because of the political nature of the campaign it has been a personal choice for individual Cattlemen to campaign, however almost every family will be represented on Friday or help during the following week.

Associates who would like to be involved are cordially invited to Eastfield Park, Eastfield Road, Ringwood on Friday morning at 10 am to see the ride, listen to some speakers and have a Barbeque lunch (BYO refreshments). Those with horses who would like to ride could contact Sue Silvers 03 859 3165 to see how our numbers are going. It is unfortunate we have to restrict numbers, but the venue does not allow too many. We plan about 100 - 120 at the most which is ample for the exercise.

The other problem we have is as follows: Extreme Conservationists are understood to be very angry with the Cattlemen. They have been overheard as saying that "Cattlemen belong to an archaic era and have no place in today's Alps. Conservationists will not stand by and allow the Cattlemen to whip up feelings of heritage and jingoism in Nunawading and influence the election."

We do expect trouble on Friday, and if we have trouble we need your support. Those who feel they can help, please come, bring a placard, your Dryzabone and hat and please obey the law of the land if the going gets rough!! The Cattlemen and their friends have been building up to this for nearly 30 years and we believe Friday could be the showdown unless our opponents think better of it.

We do need help distributing stickers and the enclosed pamphlet in Shopping Centres and we need help at the 52 Polling booths on Saturday August 17th, as we intend manning each one all day. Annie Whittam is co-ordinating all that activity and any help would be much appreciated. Phone Annie, or Keith on 03 878 7536.

In haste, regards,



Graeme Stoney  
Campaign Co-ordinator.