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# **TO EVERYONE INTERESTED IN FUEL REDUCTION AND GOOD FOREST MANAGEMENT.**

The MCAV has become concerned that the present fuel reduction debate has concentrated on prescribed burning when a suite of options exist to reduce fuel on our public land.

(In saying that, in no way are we querying utilizing prescribed burning as the main tool in reducing fuel, but there may be better ways to reduce fuel in the higher altitude grasslands and in forests such as the Red Gum.)

The MCAV is qualified to comment and explain one of the alternative options which is grazing of the Alpine and forest grasslands to reduce fuel.

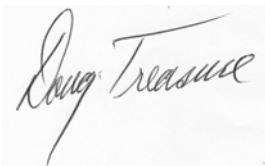
The unfortunate politicization of Alpine Grazing and the involvement of some scientists with personal leanings have not assisted a mature debate about future forest management.

It is obvious that the public are concerned about the overall fuel reduction issue because a recent survey by the *Weekly Times* showed that 92% of the public was in favour of returning cattle to the Alpine National Park.

The MCAV is now calling for an independent review of the existing science surrounding grazing on public land and a major allocation of money to go towards continuing present research.

I hope you find the enclosed document addressing the link between grazing and fuel reduction interesting.

Regards



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