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Craig's Hut Fiasco

President of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria Christa Treasure said that the Craig's Hut situation is so typical of Government management of public assets.

"The government is good at wasting money it when feels it can get publicity. So often good management and a good result in the High Country runs a poor second to getting a good job done" said Christa Treasure.

It is heartening that the Government recognises the important heritage of these cattlemen's huts; however it is sad that the so much media attention has focused on a hut that was just a film prop. There are so many more huts and management issues in the high country that are not being addressed.

Many other huts and their yards have been lost to holocaust fires in the High Country. These holocaust fires have caused terrible environmental degradation. Fire is a natural phenomenon in Australia, but with current management we have massive fuel build-ups resulting in super hot fires – hence the catastrophic fires that decimate the flora and fauna. Better management would give us more natural regular cool burns.

If the Governments commitment to the rebuilding of Craig's Hut could be channelled to the real issues of the management of the High Country, our environment would be far better off.

"We see that a lot of expensive activity in Public Land management is political window dressing" said Christa Treasure.

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