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GRAZING FUEL REDUCTION TRIAL

In the last few days six Mountain Cattlemen families have placed cattle into selected areas of the Alpine National Park at the invitation of the State Government.

They are participating in a project trialling strategic grazing to reduce fuel reduction.

President of the Mountain Cattlemen's Association Mark Coleman of Licola said today that the MCAV welcomed the appointment of the reputable scientist Prof Mark Adams, who has done some significant work in this area for several decades.

Prof Adams from Sydney University is involved with the "High Fire" research work into Bushfires. This project includes the monitoring of several long term scientific sites throughout the Victorian and NSW High Country.

"This is a Government decision based on common sense and will seek solutions to long term good management of our public land.

"In 2005 the Labor Government kicked us out of the Park for short term political gain. This new Government is to be congratulated for having the courage to revisit that very bad decision and to accept in principle what the MCAV had been saying about grazing and fuel reduction for more than fifty years.

"Members of the MCAV stand ready to assist this exciting project and to pass on their knowledge as to how the High Country should be managed and cared for.

"We thank the Government and the thousands of supporters who have supported Alpine grazing and the Mountain Cattlemen to this point" Mr Coleman concluded.

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The Lovick family drive their cattle into the Alpine National Park .



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