

MEDIA RELEASE

NATIONAL PARKS TAKEOVER

The confirmation this week that the Federal Government plans to take over some management of National Park has implications for all users of National Parks, according to the President of the MCAV Mark Coleman.

Federal Environment Minister Tony Burke has been quoted this week as driving moves to allow the Federal Government to take over Parks.

“Alpine grazing is being used by the Victorian National Parks Association to support Minister Tony Burke, but that group has a far bigger agenda,” Mr Coleman said.

“I was at the VNPA protest meeting held last autumn and I saw at first hand its motives.”

“The environmental movement acts in incremental ways, taking a little at a time then moving to their next issue.”

It is clear that all uses of our Parks are under threat including horse riding (already gone in Kosciusko National Park) fishing, camp fires and many other uses.

All protective burning for management of fuel could well be next.

All this is likely to happen under the cloak of “protecting biodiversity”.

It is vital that people who want to retain their freedoms in our National Parks, and who support good management, stand up or they will be the losers,” Mr Coleman concluded

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