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STATE GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AND THE GREENS ATTACKED WITH NEW WEBSITE

“They are almost worse than the drought” ... (MCAV President Doug Treasure)

An aggressive new website which attacks the Brack’s government and the Greens for a range of policies has been posted on the web.

This follows Mondays announcement of a protest rally outside a country Labor MP’s office.

The Website is called www.pushforthebush.org and will be the communication method used by a rapidly developing movement called Push for the Bush. “

“The Push” is sponsored by the Mountain Cattlemen’s Association and will be strongly representing interests of users of public land in the lead up to the election.

Organiser of the Push for the Bush, Bob Richardson said today that the website exposes the Government technique of “farce” consultation and instead encourages country groups to spend less time on government consultative processes. It explains how these processes are mostly a sham and people wishing to get their point heard, are much better off by staging protests and media events. One link on the website describes government processes as an “Octopus” which “weakens your resolve to act.”

A photo gallery shows media training sessions which have been conducted for country groups disaffected with the Victorian state government and includes inspiring photos of recent protests by the cattlemen and other groups.

“Push for the Bush is non partisan, in that at this stage, we are not promoting any political party over any other. In this pre election period we intend to present the facts to inform people of the very concerning things that are going on” President of the MCAV, Mr Treasure said.

“ We are disseminating information, so our targets are the Government because of what they have done to many groups over the past six years, the Greens

because of what they are saying they intend to do and anyone who supports them with preference exchanges” Mr Treasure said today

“We are making this web site available to like minded rural and city groups and have already posted material from organisations as diverse as Beekeepers, Four wheel drivers and timber interests, with more to come with issues like water over the next few weeks.

“We have listed out some of what the Greens would like to do if they obtain the balance of power in the forthcoming state election, and its scary“ Mr. Treasure said

“Country people and groups interested in Public land issues need a united voice. This site will help them to understand each others issues and we are encouraging groups to support each other and speak as one.”

“For too long we have seen different rural interest groups fight alone and be worn down and defeated by Bracks and the Greens. We aim to change that; so we have engaged well known activist Mr Bob Richardson to liaise with many like minded people over the election period” Mr Treasure said.

“We all have two things in common – the Greens relentless witch hunt on rural industries and a Melbourne centric government which fires the bullets the Greens make. Together they are almost worse than the drought in making problems for those on the land and those who want continuing access to public land.”

The website can be accessed at <http://www.pushforthebush.org>

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