PUSH FOR THE BUSH RALLY 20 NOVEMBER

MCAV PRESIDENT DOUG TREASURE'S SPEECH 2006

WE HAVE COME HERE TODAY IN ANGER TO SEND A MESSAGE

THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN ARE ANGRY

THE IRRIGATORS ARE ANGRY

GRASS ROOTS PEOPLE WHO USE PUBLIC LAND FOR RECREATION ARE ANGRY AND WORRIED

FARMERS WHO LIVE BESIDE PUBLIC LAND ARE ANGRY AND WORRIED

PEOPLE WHO USE PUBLIC LAND FOR COMMERCE ARE ANGRY AND WORRIED

YOU WOULD HAVE HEARD THE TIMBER INDUSTRY IN EAST GIPPSLAND WAS HIT FOR SIX LAST WEEK BY THE GOVERNMENT

IN A MINUTE, SOME GROUPS ARE GOING TO TELL YOU THEIR STORY

I WANT TO QUICKLY TELL YOU ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN

TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED, YOU FIRSTLY HAVE TO LOOK AT THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE HERE IN VICTORIA

THE BRACKS GOVERNMENT NEEDS GREEN PREFERENCES TO HOLD GOVERNMENT

THE GREEN SUPPORT IS ON THE RISE BECAUSE MELBOURNE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT, THINK VOTING FOR THE GREENS CAN BE THEIR CONTRIBUTION , SO THEY FEEL BETTER

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM STEMS FROM OUR OVER USE OF CHEAP ENERGY AND ITS EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THE GREENS AND ALL VOTERS NEED TO LOOK AT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM

TO KICK A FEW COWS OFF THE HIGH COUNTRY AND CLOSE PUBLIC LAND ACCESS IS POLITICAL WINDOW DRESSING

THIS WORSENS THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION BY GIVING US GREATER FUEL LOADS FRO WILDFIRE, AND MANAGEMENT THAT IS NOT NATURAL

FOR SEVEN YEARS THE BRACKS GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN BRINGING IN PLACE REGULATIONS AND LEGISLATION TO KEEP IN WITH THE GREENS IT HAS BEEN REDUCING ACCESS, TAKING FARMERS WATER AND REDUCING TIMBER HARVESTING

BUT THE ICON THE GREENS WANTED WAS THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN

THE CATTLEMEN WERE SEEN BY THE GREENS AS THE BARRIER HOLDING BACK THE TIDE TO CLOSE DOWN THE BUSH

AND CLOSING DOWN OUR PUBLIC LAND IS THE GREENS LONG TERM OBJECTIVE

THEY WANTED EAST GIPPSLAND – BRACKS GAVE IT TO THEM

AND HE WILL KEEP GIVING OUR LAND TO THE GREENS – EVERY ELECTION IF HE WINS

JUST READ THE STUFF ON THEIR WEB SITE TODAY – MAKE SURE YOU READ BETWEEN THE LINES

AND THE GREENS WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT LABOR GOVERNMENTS – JUST LOOK AT OUR POLITICAL HISTORY

SO IT’S COSY AND CONVENIENT BOTH FOR THE GREENS AND BRACKS AND THAT UNHOLY ALLIANCE HAS LED TO THIS RALLY TODAY

THE FOREST INDUSTRY AND BEE KEEPERS HAVE BEEN SQUEEZED OUT LIKE THE CATTLEMEN

IN THEIR HEARTS, THE 4W DRIVE CLUBS KNOW THAT THEY ARE NEXT

THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS KNOW THEY ARE NEXT

THE HORSE RIDING CLUBS KNOW THEY ARE DEFINITELY NEXT

THE IRRIGATORS KNOW THEY ARE IN DEEP TROUBLE WITH WATER AND FEES

THOSE REASONS AND MORE ARE WHY THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN STARTED PUSH FOR THE BUSH

AND THAT’S WHY WE ARE ALL HERE TODAY

WE HAVE TO FIGHT WHAT’S GOING ON AND WE HAVE TO FIGHT IT NOW

LET ME TELL YOU HOW THE PEOPLE OF VICTORIA WERE LIED TO ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN

LIE ONE

VICTORIANS WERE TOLD THE SCIENCE PROVED CATTLE WERE DAMAGING ALL THE ALPINE NATIONAL PARK

THE FACTS ARE, THE SCIENCE WAS ONLY DONE ON A SMALL TREELESS EXPOSED AREA OF THE BOGONG HIGH PLAINS

ALMOST ALL OF THE GRAZING IN THE HUGE ALPINE NATIONAL PARK WAS AT LOWER LEVELS IN THE TREES

THERE IS NO GRAZING SCIENCE EXISTING FOR THOSE AREAS

IT HAPPENED LIKE THIS - FIRSTLY THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO CANCEL THE ALPINE NATIONAL PARK LEASES AND THEN USED SCIENCE DONE IN A SMALL EXPOSED AREA TO JUSTIFY IT
I CALL IT BOUGHT SCIENCE

IT WAS ALL PLANNED IN ADVANCE AS WAS THE SPIN WHICH VILLIFIED THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN

REMEMBER THE DOCTORED PHOTOGRAPHS - WE WON'T FORGET

LIE TWO
THE GOVERNMENT TOLD VICTORIANS THERE WOULD BE TEN THOUSAND CATTLE STILL GRAZING IN ADJOINING STATE FOREST

THIS WAS FALSE. THERE ARE NO MORE THAN FOUR THOUSAND CATTLE LEFT.

AND THE GREENS ARE NOW SAYING THEY WANT THEM OUT TOO! AND THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO REDUCE THE GRAZING PERIOD THIS SUMMER AND WE SAID NO

LIE THREE
THE GOVERNMENT TOLD VICTORIANS THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMENS CULTURE AND HERITAGE WOULD CONTINUE

THE REALITY IS THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN AS A GROUP HAVE VIRTUALLY BEEN DESTROYED

SOME YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE LEFT - THE CATTLE HAVE BEEN SOLD AND THE HORSES HAVE BEEN TURNED OUT FOREVER BUT I'VE TWO YOUNG CATTLE WOMAN HERE TODAY –

JUST LISTEN TO THEM LATER – SPEAKING FROM THE HEART

LIE FOUR

THE GOVERNMENT TOLD VICTORIANS THE CATTLEMEN WILL GET UP TO A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH IN PAYMENTS

THE TRUTH IS THE PAYMENTS ARE VERY SMALL TO INDIVIDUALS FOR EXAMPLE, IN MY CASE, I RECEIVE $ 5,000 A YEAR AND IT FINISHES SOON

THE PAYMENTS ARE NOT EVEN COVERING AJISTMENT COSTS AND MOST CATTLEMEN HAVE HAD TO SELL CATTLE AND DO OTHER THINGS

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TODAY WE HAVE A STUPID AND VERY SAD SITUATION IN THE HIGH COUNTRY

WONANGATTA STATION HAS GRASS A METRE HIGH AND SOMEONE WILL BE BURNT TO DEATH THERE ONE DAY

THE BOGONG AND DARGO HIGH PLAINS HAS GRASS TWO FOOT HIGH – IT CAN’T BE GRAZED

DOWN BELOW AT BENAMBRA AND DARGO THE CATTLE THAT ARE LEFT, ARE WALKING AROUND IN DUST

CATTLEMEN JOHN COOK AND RUST CONNLEY ARE HERE – JUST TALK TO THEM ABOUT THE STARVING CATTLE

AND DO YOU KNOW THE SAD PART FOR VICTORIA?

BY THE GOVERNMENT TAKING THE LEASES IT ALSO TOOK THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN’S HISTORY AND CULTURE WHICH BELONGS TO ALL VICTORIANS

IT TOOK THE CATTLEMEN'S CONNECTION WITH THE LAND, WHICH IN SOME CASES GOES BACK TO THE 1870's

AND THEN IT TURNED AROUND AND TRASHED THE REPUTATION OF THE MOUNTAIN CATTLEMEN

SO WE ARE RETURNING THE COMPLIMENT AND GIVING THE GOVERNMENT BACK ITS THEIR OWN MEDICINE

WE CAME HERE TODAY TO WARN EVERYONE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO US

AND THE WAY IT WAS DONE – BY STEALTH AND DECEPTION.

IT WILL GRADUALLY HAPPEN TO YOU ALL IF YOU SUPPORT THE GREENS OR THIS GOVERNMENT

IT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU ALL BECAUSE THE GREENS AND THE BRACKS GOVERNMENT ARE ONE AND THE SAME

AND YOU ARE ALL IN THE FIRING LINE

- SO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT – NOW!

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