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National Parks no place for cattle grazing

Federal Chisholm MP Anna Burke has condemned the Victorian Liberal Government for its decision to reintroduce cattle grazing into the iconic Alpine National Park.

“National Parks in Australia have been established to protect and preserve unique areas of our environment,” Ms Burke said.

“The Alpine National Park is home to more than half of Victoria’s bird species and 40 per cent of our state’s mammal species.

“It includes nationally endangered and vulnerable species and delicate Alpine wetlands and has been recognised on the National Heritage List.

“This outstanding wilderness is no place for cattle. National Parks belong to native species. Cattle belong on farms.

“We are talking about a National Park where cattle are stomping over endangered wetlands.

“This is also a matter of principle as it sets a dangerous precedent for the rest of our National Parks – a threat to one National Park is a threat to every National Park in the country,” she said.

The issue is currently being investigated by the Federal Department of Environment to determine whether national environmental law has been breached as a result of the Victorian Government’s failure to refer the matter for federal approval.

Ms Burke has set up a petition at her Electorate Office which condemns the Victorian Government for its decision.

“I encourage all residents concerned about damage to our environment to sign the petition,” she said.

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