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Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Repeal Bill 2025

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Proposed amendments

No. 1 **Kosciuszko National Park plan of management**

Page 3, Schedule 1. Insert after line 33—

- (5A) The Minister must ensure that the plan of management under this Act, Part 5 for Kosciuszko National Park, and a plan that replaces the plan, provides for the following in relation to the management of the wild horse population in Kosciuszko National Park—
- (a) the recognition of the heritage value of the wild horse population,
 - (b) priority to be given to humane means of population control,
 - (c) 32% of the park area to be used as wild horse retention areas,
 - (d) the population of wild horses in wild horse retention areas to be reduced to 3,000 horses by the transition date,
 - (e) the removal of wild horses within areas of Kosciuszko National Park to prevent recolonisation,
 - (f) the prevention of wild horse access within areas of Kosciuszko National Park,
 - (g) ground shooting or aerial shooting as a means of population control not to be carried out unless the following provisions are complied with—
 - (i) the shooting is carried out using a firearm with a calibre of 9.3 x 63mm or more,
 - (ii) the shooting is carried out from vehicles and firearms equipped with video and audio recording equipment,
 - (iii) the carrying out of the shooting is recorded by the video and audio recording equipment,
 - (iv) the shooting ceases immediately if the video and audio recording equipment ceases operating,
 - (v) the recordings made by the video and audio recording equipment are viewed and audited by an independent person and a report by the independent person is included in the annual reporting information prepared for the Service under the *Government Sector Finance Act 2018*.

No. 2 **Meaning of “heritage value”**

Page 3, Schedule 1. Insert after line 40—

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- (7) In this section—
heritage value, in relation to the wild horse population in Kosciuszko National Park, includes—
- (a) the historic role of wild horses in the pioneering and pastoral history of the Snowy Mountains region, and
 - (b) the continuation of traditional mountain practices and legends associated with brumby running and mountain horsemanship, and
 - (c) the aesthetic, symbolic, cultural and identity values attributed by the Australian community to the continued presence of wild horses in the Snowy Mountains landscape.