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Parliament of New South Wales,
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Proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park – Post-hearing responses

Dear Ms Hart,

Thank you for the opportunity for Department of Primary Industries representatives to appear before the NSW Legislative Council's Animal Welfare Committee on 23 May 2024 for the Inquiry into proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park.

Dr Lisa Szabo, Chief Executive Officer for the NSW Food Authority and Mr Greg Vakaci, Director Compliance gave evidence on behalf of NSW Department of Primary Industries at the inquiry into proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park.

Dr Szabo and Mr Vakaci have reviewed the uncorrected transcripts and offer a transcript correction attached to this letter.

One question was taken on notice and a response is also attached.

Yours sincerely,

John Tracey
Deputy Director General
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TRANSCRIPT CORRECTION: Animal Welfare Committee inquiry into proposed aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park

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GREG VAKACI: Yes, sure. We had received a complaint in 2021 in relation to the property, and it was in relation to theft of **horse**, illegal sheep testosterone and ~~illegal slaughter of horses~~. It was a member of the public who made that complaint to us.

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GREG VAKACI: I think we received it on 28 February. We were notified by the police, and we attended in March. I think **early** 4 or 5 March was the inspection.