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REPORT RELEASED ON AERIAL SHOOTING OF BRUMBIES IN KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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An upper house committee has today released its report into aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park. The inquiry was initiated after an announcement was made by the Minister for the Environment that she was considering changes to allow aerial shooting to take place.

The inquiry examined several aspects of the aerial shooting program, including the justification for it, animal welfare and human safety concerns, the adequacy of current policies, and the availability of alternatives to aerial shooting. The committee held five public hearings at Parliament House and conducted a site visit to Kosciuszko National Park.

Chair of the committee, the Hon Emma Hurst MLC, said: 'From the outset of this inquiry, it was clear that aerial shooting of brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park is a highly controversial topic. It was always going to be an extremely difficult inquiry.'

Ms Hurst continued: 'Unfortunately as the Chair for this inquiry, I cannot support the final report as published. Unanimous agreement on the findings and recommendations could not be met and the final report is far removed from the original recommendations and findings I had proposed. While many in the community may be distressed by the final report, I thank everyone who gave their time and expertise in this inquiry.'

The committee's report and other documents can be found on the inquiry [webpage](#).

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