

**INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED AERIAL SHOOTING OF
BRUMBIES IN KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK**

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I am shocked that in this day and age of animal welfare, the concept of aerial culling is even being suggested, let alone carried out. The images of brumbies being shot and just left to rot will be forever etched in my mind. Whilst I do believe in animal control of numbers, the way the figures have been calculated does not bear any resemblance to the real situation. After 40 years of hiking in the alps, we have to look for our brumbies. The numbers that the government has used to validate it's culling have been massively inflated beyond belief. Comments from politicians such as they could see the earth moving with brumbies are highly emotive and dangerous. The plan to eradicate our historic horses has been hijacked by extremists who blame the brumby for everything. The damage caused in our national parks at the moment has more to do with snowy 2.0 than anything. I understand the argument of the risks wild horses do to endangered species but the reality is that those are the areas with no horses. Arguments such as devastation caused by brumbies in areas such as tantangara dam fall short when one realised that this is a man made lake that's levels are manipulated by man, not pristine wilderness. At the very least there should be a moratorium on removing or culling of the brumby until such time as a proper count is done. One that is not done using the Cairns method or an abstraction of it.