

**Submission  
No 11**

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

**Name:** Kathy Cercone

**Date Received:** 31 August 2023

---

First and foremost aerial culling and ground culling is Inhumane! There for is Animal Cruelty this being unlawful. Anyone making the decision to follow through with this in the future and from past incidences should be prosecuted to the fullest.

Anyone that knows anything about horses knows the Cairn numbers system is not possible. First there are less mares on the range. Usually around one third mares to two thirds stallions. Mares are the only ones that give birth. Second horses on the range only have one baby at a time, compared to pigs that can birth up to a dozen or more. Third the baby won't normally produce a baby until it's 3 year old. Forth not all babies or mares survive birth. Fifth Brumbies die out on the range do to injuries and illness. Babies are killed by dingoes and dogs. Wildfire has killed several of the Brumbies recently.

The damage that I have seen from pictures only are the damage of pigs. The pigs like the areas that are moist to root in because it's easier to dig and there are more roots and insects. Forked hooves do a lot more damage than a single hooves animal it been proven the and again. The Brumbies eat the grasses which which is a huge asset. I have been trained in Wildfire behavior. Grasses are what causes the huge Wildfires. The grasses are how the fire travels. The taller and thicker the grass the faster the fire will travel. Horses eat the grasses leaving the roots so it will regrow with rain. Sheep eat the root and all plus they have forked hooves. Deer don't eat the grasses they eat the legumes probably the plants you all are worried about.

The Brumbies could bring millions in revenue to your Country if they were advertised for people to come and see them living in your parks. They can coexist with power lines if that is the reason you are wanting to eliminate them.

If a correct count isn't taken before the shooting begins you could wipe out an animal that helped give your Country Independence and has been in your Country for hundreds of years. That in itself is a Crime!