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

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I think it is downright outrageously cruel to even consider aerial shooting, unacceptable. A lot of the public is already on board with the unnecessary barbaric animal cruelty the government allow. A lot of the reasons the government is using to savagely slaughter the Brumbies do not make real sense to anyone who understands the nature of the horse. An example one of the excuses I read about the vast number of Brumbies in the parks and exaggerated to the extreme. It would be impossible for Brumbies to live a long life as a cared-for domestic horse on a regular worming program from a young age. Brumbies are full of worms, red worms are especially dangerous because of the organ damage they cause. Brumbies have a short life span as it is and mares only come into the breeding season if the seasons are good certainly not if there is a drought. Some mares would be lucky to have more than two foals in their lifetime and there are many barren mares that will never go into foal. The other matter that I find concerning is why are Brumbies being singled out for damaging the parks. Why are people not singled out for the damage they are doing to the park with their four-wheel drives and bush bashing? And why are rabbits, foxes, deer, pigs and feral cats ignored especially when some are predatory animals? It sounds to me like it is just easier for the government to mow down the Brumbies being prey animals that need to live in herds to survive and easier to spot from a helicopter. What is the government doing about the feral cats that breed like rabbits and kill all the wildlife, I would love to know. There are humane ways to handle animal situations without savage cruelty perhaps using more brain power and not shortcuts as is the case of the Labor Party.