

**Submission
No 23**

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

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There is sufficient evidence that MUST be included here and cannot be or ores regarding the REAL impact horse's are having on our native vegetation..

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