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

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To those who control the "Fate of Wild Horses in Kosciuszko National Park"

It is appalling to think that in 2023 we are still using the same control measures that have been the mainstay for the reckless treatment of animals who as a result of human failures over long periods, are no longer wanted in this country. We are quick to approve aerial shooters, without humanely considering the suffering that continues for days from an activity which at best is simply to put the animal on the ground and leave it to die. A rifle, shot from a moving helicopter against a moving target can be no more than to hit the 'target' anywhere and leave it to die, this is far from humane.

I am amazed what we can do when we have the will to do it - put people on the Moon, go to the bottom of the oceans, cure all manner of human disease and disability, yet can't come up with a "humane" control measure for the mess we have created for Brumbies. We still rely on shooting and trapping, both of which are appalling, despite options to further the development of 'breeding out' over populated species for example. Australia has some of the brightest minds, yet we fail miserably on the international stage with what we do to Wild Animals and in this case Australian Brumbies.

I can only implore you to ban shooting and develop humane options to control 'genuine' overpopulations. This may not be a quick fix, however it must be a humane one and one which others may adopt.