

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

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I am writing this submission to Object to any Aerial Culling or Ground shooting of our Heritage Brumbies in the Kosciuszko National Parks or Alpine Alps or anywhere in this country now.

This is a cruel heartless approach to any management plan, The lack of compassion displayed by this Labor government in proposing the reintroduction of aerial shooting has been deeply shocking.

I DO NOT Support any aerial killing, shooting, trapping, and mistreatment of brumbies in the National parks.

Aerial shooting is ruthless and inhumane, the animals are not killed outright and can take hours or days to die. Pregnant mares are aborting foals as they die some dependent foals are shot or left to die a cruel death on their own without the family.

This should never be an option.

Passive trapping when necessary is the only acceptable way to manage horses.

This should not be done in spring or early summer.

The number of horses living in the parks now is well below the FALSE number of between 14,000 and 23,000. This is impossible as horses have only 1 foal a year and never 100% survival.

The methodology used to survey and estimate the brumby population has proved to be inaccurate by an experienced bio-statistician, wild horse ecologist & senior ecologist.

An estimate of less than the sustainable number of 3000 has been made.

The counting system used has been found to be false and a new unbiased count must be done before any more removal of horses occurs. Especially shooting or sending to slaughter.

National Parks have failed in their animal welfare with the brumbies by constant trapping and shooting of the brumbies. Foals are left without the mares and stallions that protect the herds and some horses are injured and trampled as they panic. These are wild unhandled horses that have lived in harmony with our wildlife for hundreds of years. They are not causing damage.

Horses have been brutally shot and left to die near campgrounds and in the streams without any notice to campers in the area. This is disgraceful.

The brumbies are Herbivores, grazing animals that move slowly around the land and graze on natural grass. They enrich the land and the local environment and promote biodiversity with their unique digestive systems allowing for the regeneration of seeds and grasses, as well as their selective grazing patterns which create habitats for bugs and small birds. They do NOT kill the frogs or broad-toothed rats!

Brumbies hoof is naturally designed to protect the soils where they tread, The shape is round the surface area is relatively large, and is dished in on the underside (concave) and the shape tends to trap water and air under the hoof and allows it to "float" hydraulically on the soil.

The government is making a big mistake to remove any more of the brumbies the environment needs them. They help to keep the undergrowth in control and ease the damage of fires.

Too many lies have been made up and false information about horses causing damage has been spread into the community by some groups (ISC) supported by the government, this must stop it is wrong.

The brumbies are our history and heritage. they are NOT feral pests they do NOT kill wildlife. The pigs, dogs, cats, and deer cause much more damage and problems than any horses. Major construction is far more dangerous to our environment than any animal..

I feel the environment minister for the environment has been extremely unreliable and has continued to ignore the general public on our urgent pleas to save our iconic and heritage brumbies. and to set up a moratorium to stop trapping and killing of the brumbies.

I feel an injustice has been done to these much-loved horses and the people of Australia also the tourists from around the world.

Yours Sincerely