

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

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I am writing to express my concern about the reasoning and flawed arguments behind the mistreatment, trapping and brutal shooting of the brumbies in the Kosciusko National Park in this submission. It is clear there is a lack of both ethical considerations and compassion towards brumbies, reasoning that position Australia's brumbies in a bad light as no more than wordless feral animals. As an Australian I am appalled and disappointed about the lack of respect from the NSW government towards these iconic horses that are a national treasure. The culling and extermination of these horses is both unethical and blight on Australia as a country. The world is watching as both the USA and Australia threaten to remove and kill both mustangs and brumbies. Brumbies, like all horses are sentient animals who are sensitive, fascinating and have strong family bonds. Anyone who knows horses and has close contact with them will acknowledge this, yet the cultural and historical significance of brumbies still doesn't keep them safe as wild horses in NSW. I wonder how many parliamentary representatives have had any close contact with wild horses or even experienced the relationship between horses and people that is shown in the legendary stories of the Australian outback. Brumbies have been unfairly scapegoated and now their fate is uncertain. This situation is unfair, unethical and appalling. We need a fair and just inquiry for an ethical management of these herds of wild horses, and an immediate moratorium on all killings. There is a collective voice in the community calling for this and let's hope this opposition to the current methods of control doesn't fall on deaf ears in the NSW government.