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

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I am writing, as I have been involved with horses all my life, and I know the numbers that the NPWS are saying are in the national park, are incorrect. I follow rescue and wild horse society from Canada and America, and I am amazed that Australia is so far behind on the treatment of wild horses, I realise you can't have an over abundance of horses in national parks, but we could at least have a correct count done. As I have lived in regional areas, and have a good understanding of the bush, but I doubt the University qualified people that are running NPWS, have a quarter of the qualifications I have, mine was learned first hand.

Aerial shooting is the most barbaric form of culling any animal, not that the ground shooting is doing a better job. Leaving horses to die painful slow deaths, and leaving carcasses to fowl the waterways. NO ANIMAL deserves to be treated like this, especially when the count you are trying to make us believe is correct, when we know different. I'm sorry but I believe all Australians tax money should be spent better than this, remember what Kerry Packer said, well I agree with him. As I'm sure every other Australian would agree, all except the liars that are being paid by us. All a lot of bludgers. I suggest Australia look at Canada, and also have a look at Helping Alberts Wildies Society, they have a really good system, that works, and they have also proven that Horses don't do damage. But the pigs, deer, dogs and kangaroos, do damage. I know your saying not kangaroos they are native, but if we want to be honest. They have over run every where, including private land, but we can't get rid of them, well it's time you left the horses alone, and started getting rid of the real pests. I would include NPWS and politicians in this.

Horses DONOT damage waterways, they do not damage land, in fact their manure fertilises the land. Also they are not killing all the little native animals, I would look at the pigs, dogs for that. We are not idiots we have been around the land and our experience comes first hand, not from a University. I want your proof the horses are doing this damage, as I know they don't have the proof. Aerial and ground shooting never has a good outcome. Look at all the photos people have of horses shot and suffering, and aborting unborn foals. Foals being left without mother's to feed and protect them, so they die the most horrendous death either from predators or starvation. I don't know what sort of human being could even consider this, but they have no empathy in their life, god help their families, if they can agree to do this, they are certainly people I have no respect for. Please stop this ridiculous killing of the horses and start to follow what Canada is doing. I am sure the world would think much higher of us, as I have spoken to the groups in Canada and America, and they are horrified that we can do this. Please for the future of the horses stop the shooting now aerial and ground.