

**Submission
No 75**

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

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I write to submit my strong opposition to the current methods being used to slaughter our Heritage Horses in Kosciuszko National Park (KNP).

Aerial and ground shooting of brumbies is archaic, unnecessary and cruel and does not reflect community sentiment in any way, shape or form. It must be stopped immediately. The present Management Plan fails to provide Brumbies with long term protection. Brumbies are a part of our culture and social history and must be protected in the wild where they've been living for over 200 years. Eradication is not a plan; it is a wilful act of deliberate animal cruelty. The incumbent Government fails to follow the prescribed 'best management practices' as prescribed by PESTSMART.

SHOOTING BRUMBIES AND LEAVING THEIR CARCASSES TO ROT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT CONSERVATION - PLEASE CALL AN END TO STOP THE INHUMANE KILLING.

Many images have emerged of shot brumbies in KNP which are extremely disturbing. They show the agonising, slow death of such a sentient creature.

I urge you to call an end to these unnecessary shootings, ask that all Management Plans be reset, provide a transparent numbers count and then do what is right and just and ban aerial and ground shooting of brumbies by introducing legislation for NSW National Parks to compassionately manage brumby populations by rehoming as a first option, should brumbies need to be removed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my request. It is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Suzanne Zylmans