INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED AERIAL SHOOTING OF BRUMBIES IN KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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I Kay Robyn Bradbeer , declare I have submitted a letter to the Honourable Penny Sharpe , regarding the matter of the cruel intentions on how the wild horses of the Kosciusko National Park would be culled .

It appears the letter forwarded to the Honourable Penny Sharpe ,Minister for Climate Change Energy the Environment and Heritage . It seems this communication has fallen on deaf ears as , 500 or so brumbies have been culled on the ground since I sent that letter.

The horses were left where they were shot for all tourists and children to view their dead carcasses, should these tourists decide to walk on what in my view is a very open National Park. Shame, Shame, on this National Park, who declares it's a law unto its own, have these people that work for this park, gone mad, where have morals gone??

I now wish to make a statement to the Parliamentary Enquiry , regarding this cruel and disgusting matter .

To the National Parks I say this, you should be ashamed.

We call ourselves a country that has respect for never doing the act or showing cruelty, the slaughter of a mare in foal nearly full term and the recent shooting of so many horses behind the public's back, I am so disgusted and as so many members of the public feel ashamed to be an Australian.

So now we are left with open areas, where these brave men with their guns can't drive so now the need to cull the horses by air with helicopters, the old hit and miss trick only partly shooting these poor animals, then they are left to die in pain or now unable to feed its standing foul, as this took place in the Brindabella s ACT, have we not forgotten??

We don't look as ourselves as a third world country, we are no better than people who milk bears for money and put chains through their noses and the other terrible events that's happen in other countries

I have lived in this area, being Jindabyne for nearly fifty years, most of this time I have rehabilitated injured wildlife from the National Park and surrounding areas for years, I have dedicated my life to doing this, however I do not believe in cruelty and if this culling goes ahead, like most old locals of this area, I will not enter this National Park again, I will leave this area a place I have loved, a National park I have worked for and respected, however I will leave in total disgust and with bad memories and never want to return.

The Honourable Penny Sharpe, has Heritage as part of her portfolio, is this just forgotten by her and our government, our horses, our past and our pride, also our heritage.

My heartache and tears have now turned to anger and I can only ask that this Enquiry takes peoples safety as well into consideration and that this obvious cruel slaughter does not happen.