

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

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There is meant to be a Management Plan. This has not been implemented 📄👎. There was meant to be an independent count undertaken. This was not implemented. Only has the Cairns methodology been used. It has been proven from independent scientific people that the. Air s methodology is severely flawed.

However despite the “plan” utilised the recent inhumane slaughter of the Australian Brumbies is deplorable, which is an understatement.

There are well over 100 dead horse carcasses literally laying upon the land & many have fallen in the waterways.

This in itself in the waterways & catch me the areas is & will prove a serious health ha as to the community & the environment.

The shootings in themselves carried out by National Parks & Wildlife Management & employees is deplorable.

The horses have been shot, many numerous times in the body (not ONE) was a clean direct headshot ie a direct kill.

These animals were left to die a lingering and painful, slow death.

Generally haemorrhaging to death, prior to complete of organs.

Death was horrific & cruel.

The targets ?

Stallions, quiet good rain ing small family herd of horses, many resting on the ground.

Foals of all ages, many still receiving their Mares milk, many only hours or days old. Heavily Pregnant Mares with gut wounds that aborted live foetuses eno were shot multiple times or, dependent upon the shooter; left to die by bleeding out or neo g ripped apart by predatory animals eg Pigs.

Mothers & foals shot together whilst the Mare was feeding her young one.

So many horses, snt bodies littering the landscape & waterways.

Carcasses everywhere.

Close proximity to Tourist walk & visitor entry area.

This was witnessed by unaware Visitors & Brumby Advpcate Rehomers Aline. alike.

This is a National disgrace.

The Minister for the Environment, Ms Penny Sharpe, Mr Atticus Fleming , head of NPWS proceeded with the massacre ignoring the Community at large, the Australian people with no forethought for the cruelty inflicted nor regard for the health & sanitation issues.

This slaughter needs to halt now. A full investigation undertaken by authorities.

The slaughter & massacre in 2000 of Brumbies (Waler Horse descendants - War Horses of the Soldiers) produced a strong outcry for this type of cruel slaughter & almost annihilation would never be repeated.

Yet here we are in 2023 with a repeat of the horror.

The RSPCA should hang their heads in shame as well. They are a Government supported organisation/ the only one in Australia for supporting the cat she.

It should be renamed The Killing Fields.

No longer Kosciusko "National Park".

The original settlers of the Monaro region would turn in their graves at the hypocrisy & misuse of the area & its inhabitants.

The shooters also shot every other animal in their path.

Australian NATIVE Animals. Kangaroos, Wallabies, Wombats.

Why ??

The shooting needs to be stopped immediately.

A formal investigation undertaken.

No shooting either ground as this has been nor a serial.

The area, the Park resembles a War Zone.

As well according to "PestSmart" penned by Invasive Species Council

the manner in which the shooting slaughter has been undertaken is in opposition to their own dictates.

I'm a Voter, I'm a citizen of this Country, Australia.

A member of the Community and I ask & demand this shooting slaughter be ceased immediately.

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