

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

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Thank you for reading this and all submissions. I'm writing one because of the senseless murder of our Australian Brumbies, that is wrong on soo many levels.

*If control of non native animals was a motivating factor, then why leave well over 100, possibly 100's of rotting bodies for feral dogs and pigs to eat, which will only worsen the numbers in those species as well as the fact the necrotic bodies may pollute waterways.

*Why focus on the horses when anyone with any logic would know that pigs, humans, Snowy Hydro do soo much damage, while horses help improve the environment.

* Horses keep grasses down so aid in fire reduction, in other countries, they put horses in these types of environments for that very reason.

*Horses help spread good grass seeds and improve the overall grasses.

*Horses DO NOT damage waterways, there is much video evidence of this, especially for those desk workers that are deciding these matters but may not be familiar with actually walking these areas.

*There are many people wanting to own Brumbies, so rehoming is an easy option.

*Personally , I have 2 Brumbies and they are such fabulous horses. Great doers, strong feet, easy to.train, just soo many wonderful attributes.

*GET AN ACCURATE HORSE COUNT! The fact it hasn't been done accurately is ludicrous and shows that someone or many are not doing their job correctly and should find another job.

*Please explain the algorithm used that states an unrealistic birthrate. Horses are pregnant for the best part of a year, I had a mare go 11.5 months, so more than 1 foal a year is impossible, again an example of wrong person for the job. I wonder who paid their wages and can they get a refund.

*The inhumane manner of their slaughter. Judging by the corpses, many were left to die an agonising death.

*These horses were good enough to take to war.

*These horses were good enough to open the Sydney Olympics with, why all the hate now?

*Soo many unanswered questions, why?

Please consider all these submissions with an open mind and heart, there can be a better outcome.

Thank you and best wishes

Living Being Bridget