INQUIRY INTO PROPOSED AERIAL SHOOTING OF BRUMBIES IN KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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In regard to aerial shooting of our brumbies, I truely can't comprehend how anybody who considers themselves to be a decent human being can possibly condone such abhorrent treatment of these magnificent creatures. Anybody who understands horse behaviour will know that a grazing herd will continue moving and grazing, it is only when we pen them that the damage is done, and that is obviously because they can't follow feed. There are a lot of solutions that are way more humane, such as contraceptive. I am so dissolutioned by what is happening, humans take bulldozers, cars, we leave nappies, rubbish, build resorts, and the brumbies are causing problems, really is this truthful, I think not. National parks are over run by lantana, tobacco bush and many more noxious weeds that nobody does anything about, and again lets blame the brumbies. It is very obvious humans are the problem, always have been. My observation are that our national parks are poorly managed and this is just another part of the mismanagement. The recent photos of dead brumbies rotting in waterways on paths etc, goes without saying this is an ecological problem, not the live brumbies, somebody with some sense and compassion please look at the before and after photos and tell me the carcasses are not an ecological issue. We are tax payers, we pay these peoples wages, they and you are public servants, why will nobody listen to reason. One last point, the brumbies help with undergrowth such as lantana etc, which may help with the next fire season a little, since the powers that be don't seem to understand that leaving all the dead brush and undergrowth is fuel for fires. I see so many governments of all levels allowing so much development where we know it should not be but for whatever reason they do, snowy hydro is a huge one, total devistation, but nope let's blame the brumbies, my heart hurts for what is happening, and I can't help but wonder if one day the people responsible will have to answer for their sins, perhaps to their daughter or grandchild, somebody they love, when asked why they allowed it to happen, I wouldn't like to be the person trying to justify my actions. There are solutions if somebody will just listen to reason.