

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

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To Whom this may concern,

I would like to make the following points regarding the governments policies and management of the Brumbies in the Snowy Mountains and Barmah Forest areas.

I strongly believe that the official brumby counts conducted by the relevant government body is corrupted modeling. The numbers reported are extremely inaccurate to the point of lunacy. Whilst the voices of the locals and people who have genuine interest in the high country and the wellbeing of the brumby's voices are totally ignored.

My second point is the blatant disregard for the inhumane treatment of culling the brumby's by shooting and leaving the carcasses to rot in the middle of national parks were the public regularly visit. What kind of government policy thinks that is a good idea? Not only are these animals often left to die a slow and painful death, they are often shot with foals that could be left to die from starvation.

My third point is these animals have been roaming these areas for over 150 years, they are now part of the environment and if anything, actually benefit the environment, especially since the national parks have very few resources to manage the fire risks in these remote areas, these animals are doing the job of keeping the environment under control thus reducing the risk of major fire events. I say bring back cattle grazing as well, as that was the most environmentally responsible way of keeping long grass under control.

Point 4, why is there now focus on deer and pigs in these areas, brumby's seem to be the easy target for government policy to focus on when the real issues are caused by deer and pigs, anyone who knows and understands these areas will attest to this. But once again government is not interested in the local knowledge.

It is blatantly obvious that government is only interested in the opinions of the greens and the environmentalists that seem to make most of the noise. When in fact the majority of the population are far more sensible than the green ideologs.

Regards

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