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

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Brumbies

A name given to them by humankind

An animal that found it's way to this country with humankind

They are the ancestors of horses that stood alongside humankind through war.

Their ancestors helped humankind build roads, dams, clear land, carry supplies, carry the sick to help, carry the rich to parties, carry children to school.

Their kind today run races for the rich, help humans heal, carry humans for sport and pleasure.

It's no wonder the government has labelled the Brumbies "feral" and "a pest species".

These words immediately make humans think of bad things and if the government is seen to be getting rid of bad things, then why wouldn't you vote for them?

Only it's all a cruel lie. The Brumbies are not bad things, they are a part of the environment where they live, an environment that is healthy and functioning without human intervention. Mother nature takes care of things just fine, it's only humans that destroy things.

If nothing else, we owe these horses our respect.

Gunning down family herds and leaving injured horses to suffer and babies to die from starvation alone and terrified is a despicable act and whoever is capable of such a thing cannot be a part of humankind.

I hope and pray with all my heart and soul that humankind prevails, and the cruelty is stopped, and we recognise the injustice that has been dealt to these creatures that have trusted us and given us so much.

And just for the record, yes, I have personally been up to the areas where the Brumbies live in the NSW and Victorian Alps many times and the environment that I have always encountered has been pristine until you get to where humans have interfered. And that is the honest truth.

Yours truly

Jackie de Haan