

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

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I am opposed to the proposed aerial shooting of the Brumbies in Kosciuszko National Park.

I believe the brumby population is under 3000 in the Kosciuszko National Park therefore shooting is not needed. Previous population counts by Cairns are flawed proven by equine scientist Joanne Canning and Biostatistician Claire Galea. Given this information an independent count is a must. A new count needs to happen before even considering if aerial shooting is needed. I believe with a new independent count you will find aerial shooting unnecessary.

Seeing and hearing of the current ground shooting and the knowledge brumbies are being sent to knackeries has affected my mental health. The negativity regarding the brumbies by the government is always on my mind and affect so much of my date to day life. The National Park was a calm and peaceful place now a grave yard of the animals we admired. I feel the Government is creating a war zone, a sad place, of a place once considered a safe haven for my mental and physical well being. I am not sure how some people are going to cope if aerial shooting of the Brumbies is to take place.

The ground shooting that recently occurred over Winter displays evidence not all brumbies that were shot died instantly. Some had gut shots, neck shots, some had there head twisted back and this is without being shot from the air.

I believe aerial shooting of brumbies was banned once and should not happen again. We need to learn from our cruel mistakes there are better ways then violence.