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How to help to keep sustainable Snowy Heritage Brumbies living wild in Kosciuszko National Park (KNP)

People continue to ask how they can help save our Snowy Brumbies. One of the best ways any individual can help is to write to the Premier Mike Baird, and the Hon Mark Speakman and your local member about your concerns, and your personal reasons for wanting 3,000 - 4,000 Snowy Brumbies living in KNP outside extra sensitive areas, and in population densities that leave minimal impact on the snowy environment. For ideas on what to say you can get further information from:

Plan details <u>Kosciuszko National Park Draft Wild Horse Management Plan 2016</u> **For more information visit;** <u>www.australianbrumbyalliance.org.au</u> and <u>http://www.victorianbrumbyassociation.org/npws-campaign-documents.html</u>

A major inconsistency in the draft report is that while the heritage importance of the Snowy Brumby is acknowledged, the strategy of maintaining only 200 horses in three separate areas runs the risk that the next wild could shrink Brumby numbers to below a genetically viable level, leaving in-breeding to complete their extinction fire (the 2003 fire killed 64% of all Brumbies & other animals). To ensure a viable, sustainable population that will not compromise KNP ecology, we need 3,000 to **4,000** Brumbies to remain in areas they have inhabited for 200 years.

It will also be vital to monitor impact levels after 2,000 horses are removed from KNP. If impacts do not drop, one needs to question whether Brumbies are to blame and look for other causes such as pigs, deer, goats, rabbits, kangaroos, humans, weather etc.

Write your polite response, *anything* from *one paragraph* to *several* pages to the Premier Mike Baird, and the Hon Mark Speakman and your local member

The Hon Mike Baird, Level 40, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or by form: <u>https://www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/contact-premier-new-south-wales</u>

Mark Speakman, NSW Environment Minister for NPWS Post: Locked Bag 2, Kings Cross NSW 1340 or Use form: <u>http://nsw.liberal.org.au/contact-2/</u>

And your Local member

Jill Pickering, Australian Brumby Alliance Inc.