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The Hon. Penny Sharpe MLC,
Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council, via;
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Dear Hon Penny Sharpe,

The Australian Brumby Alliance Inc. (ABA) is an organisation that lobbies for the recognition, management, preservation and welfare of Australian Wild Horses. We fully support the NSW Wild Horse Heritage Act 2018 because it is designed to strike a sustainable balance.

Brumbies are an integral part of Australia's social history and hold important cultural and heritage value. They have also become a significant tourist attraction for the region.

Current research does not satisfactorily distinguish between impacts caused Brumbies alone, as compared with other wild animals, humans and extreme weather events.

Other non-native species are semi protected. The Department of Primary Industries strategy to future-proof recreational trout fishing and promote socio-economic benefits trout fishing offers. <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/resources/stocking/nsw-trout-strategy>

Recreational deer shooting requires sustainable deer populations, even though Andrew Cox, Invasive Species Council, states deer are in *plague numbers* in NSW (SBS news 9-July-19).

Those calling for the repeal of the NSW Wild Horse Act single out the Brumby because it is easily seen during the daytime, unlike nocturnal populations such as deer and pigs.

Repealing the NSW Heritage Wild Horse Act would be a regressive step, as for the first time, this Act facilitates a clear path to resolve the polarised Wild Horse views.

The Act sets the framework for Parks, Scientists and Wild Horse Advocates to work together to identify sustainable levels in areas for Wild Horses to be protected and managed to that protected level. Once the Act is operational any concerns and extreme views will resolve.

The ABA urges you to re-direct your actions to encouraging the government to immediately implement the Brumby Act management process then judge its effectiveness by the results.

Yours sincerely

Australian Brumby Alliance Inc.