

Media Release

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BARILARO BACKS BRUMBIES

The Member for Monaro John Barilaro has strongly reiterated his position against the aerial culling of one of Australia's national icons, the wild brumby.

His comments come as a review of current Kosciuszko Horse Management Plan of 2008 is underway.

Mr Barilaro says the brumbies are a quintessential Australian symbol; they have earned their place as part of the iconic bush heritage in his region and must be protected.

“Love it or hate it, wild horses are now part of the Kosciuszko environment and I will passionately fight any move towards culling,” said Mr Barilaro.

“Kosciuszko National Park exists to protect the unique environment, that unique environment includes the wild brumbies.

“If the number of wild horses is excessive, as stated by National Parks, then non-lethal means of managing their numbers should be implemented.”

Mr Barilaro said there are few places in the world where wild horses can roam and are a draw card for tourism. He says the current control method of trapping and re-homing wild horses makes sense and works well.

“Brumbies are cultural icons, allowing them to be slaughtered is unacceptable; to even consider this inhumane method extremely distasteful,” said Mr Barilaro.

“There are kinder ways to control wild horse numbers such as programs that break brumbies in and offer them for sale; I cannot accept that anyone that calls themselves conservationists would condone an aerial culling program.”

Mr Barilaro said he will continue to urge the NSW Government to support his stance.

“I look forward to discussing this issue in depth with the Environment Minister Rob Stokes,” he said.

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