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Bill Jackson, Chief executive Officer,
Parks Victoria, Level 10, 535 Bourke Street,
Melbourne, Vic 3000 info@parks.vic.gov.au

Dear Mr Jackson,

Re: 12 month delay in releasing the results of Feral Horses count in the Australian Alps National Parks, conducted April-May, 2014.

The Australian Brumby Alliance (ABA) was established to further the Recognition, Management, Preservation and Welfare of Australian Wild Horses (Brumbies).

A draft summary of the March 2014 count in NSW's Kosciuszko National Park was released September 2014 (full report is 63 pages excluding raw data). However the Victorian Alps population count (completed 12 months ago) is yet to be released.

The ABA provided a submission to the June 2014 Greater Alpine National Park (Vic) draft management plan, while reserving the right to add to our submission after the 2014 March Brumby population report is released to the public by Parks Victoria.

The final Victorian Alpine 10 year management report is due for release this year, however, the ABA is increasingly concerned that;

- The March/April 2014 horse population figures have not yet been released,
- While government bodies have access to the March 2014 horse population results; public groups have been denied access to this key data, and
- Will the ABA have time to add to its submission before the plan is finalised.

I am keen to hear your response to our concerns, in particular;

- When will the March 2014 population count report be made public, and
- Will the results be release prior to finalising the management plan?

Yours sincerely,

J. Pickering

Jill Pickering, President, Australian Brumby Alliance Inc.

CC: The Hon. Lisa Neville; Minister for Environment, Climate Change and water
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Att. Copy of ABA June 2014 submission to the draft Alpine Management Plan