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The ABA

The *Australian Brumby Alliance Inc. (ABA)* was established in 2008 to help facilitate the efforts of like-minded wild horse interest groups throughout Australia. We do this by sharing information and expertise as well as providing a collective voice with regard to the humane management, welfare, preservation and promotion of what we consider to be a National Treasure - *The Australian Brumby*.

VBA Gentling Clinic
*'Tis the season to bring home a
Christmas Brumby*

ABA News

President's Chat

Hard to believe it is now over 5 months since the ABA vs PV case was heard, over 5 days, in the Federal Court. After the 6 months of frenetic preparation for the case, some breathing space has been welcome to catch up on other ABA tasks, submissions and this BB newsletter.

At the time of going to print, as yet, no decision on the Count case has been handed down, but it must be just around the corner.

The ABA has been exceptionally busy producing *five* submissions, three in reply to *draft* plan reviews and two in reply to Parliamentary Inquiries over the past 6 months ([see pages 3-5](#)):

May 2019 - Submission to **Parks Victoria** draft Strategic Action Plan "Protection of Floodplain Marshes Barmah National Park and Barmah Forest Ramsar Site 2019 – 2023".

Sept 2019 - Australian Brumby Alliance Submission to **Parks Victoria** Land Management Strategy (LMS) – 29-Sept-2019.

Oct 2019 - Submission to the **Yorta Yorta** Traditional Owner Land Management Board 2019 "Draft Joint Management Plan for Barmah National Park" 6-Oct-19 to yytolmb@yynac.com.au

Nov 2019 - ABA Submission to the **Victorian Parliamentary inquiry** launched 28-Nov-2019 to review progress on the 2016 Auditor-General audit report on Victorian Wetlands meeting Obligations to Protect Ramsar Wetlands https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/file_uploads/Auditor-General_-_Meeting_Obligations_to_Protect_Ramsar_Wetlands_mmyx7jcp.pdf

Nov 2019 – ABA Submission to the **NSW Parliamentary inquiry** on NSW Animal Cruelty Laws, established 8

August 2019 to inquire and report on effectiveness of arrangements for administration and enforcement of NSW laws for the protection of animals from cruelty. -

Submitted via:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/listofcommittees/Pages/committeedetails.aspx?pk=263#tab-termsofreference>

The major fires across Queensland, NSW and Gippsland Victoria over the past 2 months has resulted in lives lost, properties burnt and many animals, including Brumbies in Guy Fawkes River national park dying. Especially concerning is the prolonged drought conditions across Australia.

Many properties and public lands are very low on feed or water, and several ABA rehoming groups report high costs to purchase feed and water for Brumbies, in addition to their human's needs.

The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) commenced the ABA's ground breaking research project during September 2019. Dr David Berman is managing the study which aims to develop an improved research design in order to measure the relationship between horse density and environmental impact (positive and negative) of wild horses; this will underpin real improvements in the management of the environmental impact of feral horses in the Australian Alps. [See page 6](#)

I wish you all a safe and pleasant time with family and friends over the Christmas break. In particular hoping that 2020 brings with it improved Brumby management for NSW and Victoria, rain across the country, safer fire conditions for weary fire fighters and a break for our hardworking volunteer ABA member groups.

Jill Pickering

Recent ABA Submissions

The ABA has provided 3 submissions to Park Plan reviews and 2 submissions to Parliamentary Inquiries, over the past 6 months.

May 2019 – ABA Submission to Parks Victoria draft Strategic Action Plan “Protection of Floodplain Marshes Barmah National Park and Barmah Forest Ramsar Site 2019 – 2023”.

Parks Victoria draft plan words (green):

- Of all introduced grazing species present, feral horses are currently considered the most destructive and their removal from the Barmah Forest is an immediate action priority, and
- in 2017-18 ... 20 pigs were killed and 34 deer, 7 sheep, and 1 goat were destroyed.

ABA reply - Other Barmah introduced species populations cannot be counted (draft p48). Therefore of the 20 pigs, 34 deer, 7 sheep, and 1 goat in killed 2017/18, there is no way of knowing what % of these species population were removed and whether such low numbers of multiple birth species has even slowed their overall population increase.

- Managing the flood regimeis *critical* in the protection of Moira grass plains.

ABA reply - If managing flood regimes is “critical”, this must be resolved first. Pre flood regulation, Moira grasses survived with horses grazing. So, until Barmah’s *critical* flood regimes reflect pre-water regulation flood timing, depth and duration, management of Barmah’s Heritage Wild Horses cannot be appropriately assessed.

- The ability to achieve the preferred operating (flood) regime ... remains constrained by river rules, practices and structures that restrict or limit the volume and/or timing of regulated water delivery.

ABA reply - The reality is that Parks Victoria has NO ability to reverse the so critically damaging water regimes that followed the implementation of the Snowy Hydro Scheme. Meaning that Barmah’s Moira grass decline will continue irrespective of whether Barmah’s long term resident wild horse population is present or not.

Sept 2019 - ABA Submission to Parks Victoria Land Management Strategy (LMS).

Parks Victoria’s LMS draft words (green);

- Parks and reserves have been returned to Aboriginal ownership under Aboriginal Title and the Government is expected to apply to more of the parks estate in the future as further formal agreements with Traditional Owners are implemented.

ABA reply - Up to now Australia’s National Parks were *owned* by the public, as such we also pay “*Park Rates*” to support national park running costs. Originally national parks were set aside *for the benefit of the public*. The term public includes all Australians, but now park ownership is with Aboriginal Corporations, who represent just one section of the Australian public.

- Traditional Owner connections to Country to be respected and supported

ABA reply - The ABA agrees that Traditional Owner connections to Country should to be respected and supported. So should, we argue, all of our multicultural Australians connections to Country be equally respected and supported.

Oct 2019 - Submission to the Yorta Yorta Traditional Owner Land Management Board 2019 “Draft Joint Management Plan for Barmah National Park” to yytolmb@yynac.com.au

The Yorta Yorta draft plan adheres to Parks Victoria’s management philosophy; rather than repeat statements we put in the submission, I have listed recommendations the ABA submission made:

1. Join with Barmah local Communities (incl. those supporting Brumby/horse riding),
2. Before deciding the level of horse only impacts in Barmah National Park, first;
 - correct inappropriate water regimes,
 - reduce other ungulates populations to below 150,
 - reduce Brumby population down to, but not less than, 150, then

3. Conduct robust, credible research studies (involving local horse interest groups) to identify the sustainable density/number of Brumbies the environment can sustain,
4. Embrace the retention of an agreed Brumby number to manage in the park, and
5. Manage a genetically viable Brumby population by partnering with local Brumby interest groups that can deliver fertility control and organise rehoming options.

Nov-2019 - ABA Submission to the Victorian Parliamentary inquiry to review progress on the 2016 Auditor-General audit report on Victorian Wetlands meeting Ramsar Obligations (includes Barmah).

- Parks Victoria infer that Colloff et al. (2014) suggest that *grazing by horses damages and uproots plants, decreasing plant density and thereby reducing capacity for regeneration when re-flooded, and that complementary actions such as management of grazing pressure, are also required in addition to the delivery of environmental flows.*

ABA reply - PV paraphrased Colloff, the full Colloff 2014 paragraph states that “Complementary management actions include management of *grazing* pressure and control of invasive plants, but provision of a flood regime that most closely matches plant-specific water requirements, at least for most of the time, represents the *single management action* that holds the *best prospect for conservation* and management of *grassy wetlands*.” (Italics ABA)

Much of the ABA submission to this review provided examples of concerns the Auditor highlighted, and would be repetition to the comments in this article.

The ABA provided research that details comprehensive, quantified data on correct flooding regimes required to meet Ramsar’s wetland survival needs and that this research identified two key opposing flooding interests: irrigation versus wetland survival. We offered the following suggestions:

Assess the viability of future water supplies in terms of:

- Long term viability of water supply for people, irrigation and the environment;

- Values held on water usage for environment, heritage, irrigation, drinking and sport;
- Costs involved in managing water supplies and water use values;
- Options to balance a range of needs for long term sustainability; and
- If not, all options can be met long term, list options in terms of priorities to apply.

Management

- Simplify and clarify the chain of responsibility for Barmah’s wetland needs;
- Agreement on Barmah’s wetland management goals, actions and outcomes; and
- One agency to manage the coordination to ensure agreed actions occur.

If wetland flood regimes are not returned to pre water regulation changes, then we have little time to save Barmah’s Ramsar wetland marsh environment since dire predictions show that all Moira grasslands and its dependent flora and fauna could disappear as early as 2026.

Nov 2019 – ABA Submission to NSW Parliamentary inquiry on effectiveness of arrangements for administration and enforcement of NSW laws for the protection of animals from cruelty.

ABA made some recommendations to be considered:

- Create a new Government body to ensure the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (1979) is appropriately policed and acts of cruelty identified and prosecuted.
- Adequately fund the new government body so that it can attract sufficiently skilled staff, in sufficient numbers, to investigate and prosecute cases as needed.
- The new government body could facilitate regular interaction with the staff skills and reporting processes that the RSPCA currently deal with, and
- Through a regular exchange of animal welfare investigatory skills between the two bodies ensure a smooth transition of skills and operational policies to the new body.

Our recommendations aim to avoid any conflict of interest RSPCA may have when allocating their resources across

care and enforcement duties and to ensure sufficient and transparent funds are allocated to a government body dedicated to ensuring the 1979 Act is adhered to.

Jill Pickering

References that debunk Brumby damage claims

Alternate, practical approach to introduced species scientific processes

Davis et al. (2011) argue that it is “impractical to try to restore ecosystems to some ‘rightful’ historical state, and Fortwangler (2013) explain that it is time for conservationists to focus much more on the functions of species, and much less on where they originated”.

“Unfortunately, modern research often begins at the fourth step by testing a pre-conceived hypothesis or, just as bad, bypasses the scientific method and uses data collection and statistical gymnastics to search for insights into perceived problems. This invariably gets people into trouble because they focus on association and neglect logical cause”. (“Firestick Ecology” by Vic Jurskis)

Bill Gammage, author of “The Biggest Estate on Earth: How Aborigines made Australia” quotes:

“What we think of as virgin bush in a national park is nothing of the kind.”

“Aboriginal people managed the land in a far more systematic and scientific fashion that we have ever realised”

“Across Australia, early Europeans commented again and again that the land looked like a park with extensive grassy patches and pathways, open woodlands and abundant wildlife, it evoked a country estate in England”

“Once Aboriginal people were no longer able to tend to their country, it became overgrown and vulnerable to the hugely damaging bushfires we now experience”.

Introduced Human Alpine impacts

“Numerous degraded sites are distributed across Kosciuszko National Park (KNP) where vegetation loss or active erosion occurs. These sites are associated with fire trails, transmission lines and areas of intense human activity, or are relicts of historic fire, grazing and construction.” (Final report of the Independent Technical Reference Group : Supplementary to the Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Management Plan 2016]

The invasion and success of exotic and introduced species in rivers is facilitated by the alteration of (Snowy Hydro Scheme) flow regimes (Snowy Scientific Committee October 2008 Canberra https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/144303/Adequacy-of-environmental-releases-to-the-Snowy-River.pdf)

*Did you know that the
Snowy Mountains
Hydro-Electric Scheme
made the National
Heritage List in 2016?*

Yeah, it's Brumbies that cause all the damage...



(from [ABC BTN](#))

“Because of 50–100 years of river regulation and water resource development, flood events are now of lower volume, duration, extent and frequency” (Sims et al., 2012).

Humans introduced exotic weeds, (Scotch/Spanish Broom, lupins, willows to KNP) (NPWS Admin reply to queries raised in the “Protect the Snowies” Chat room process).

Seeds are primarily dispersed by gravity, wind, surface water movement, soil erosion, birds, ants, dung beetles and rodents.

<https://www.americantrails.org/resources/environmental-aspects-of-horses-on-trails>

“The potential for people's clothing to spread weed seed is a global-scale problem”. (Journal of Environmental Management, Vol 144, 1 November 2014, Pages 203-211)

"Around 33,000 visitors go through the alpine area of Kosciuszko National Park each season. Half go for short walks, half go for much longer walks, which means there's a lot of potential for accidental seed dispersal," says Professor James Bullock from the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH), one of the authors of the study.

Yet National Parks, environmentalists and passionate hype still persist in claiming that the only way to save Australian park environments is to remove all wild horses (Brumbies).

Tragically, these false, emotive claims are made in the name of “evidence-based science”.

This is why the ABA, and other reliable sources, continue to challenge Australia’s anti-Brumby environmental scientists.

Jill Pickering

USQ/ABA Ground Breaking Research has begun

The University of Southern Queensland (USQ) commenced the ABA’s ground breaking research project during September 2019. Dr David Berman is managing the study which aims to develop an improved research design in order to measure the relationship between horse density and environmental impact (positive and negative) of wild horses.



Management of Brumbies in the Alpine National Park should aim to minimise any negative impact caused by wild horses and maximise any positive impact. To do this the relationship between positive/negative impacts and wild horse density must be determined. While there have been many studies of the impact of wild horses on the Alpine environment, none have addressed this relationship and none have

considered any positive impacts of horses on the environment and the consequences of removing them on other species in that habitat.

Designing improved experiments to measure the relationship between wild horse density and environmental impact requires improved understanding of the movement patterns and habitat use of wild horses in the Australian Alps. Studies using modern radio-telemetry devices are required for this

purpose.

The USQ Research Project includes:

1. Literature review
2. Improve broad scale impact assessment, including:

- Visit a sample of sites used by Robertson et al. (2015) and Tolsma and Shannon (2018) in the Bogong High Plains, the eastern Victorian Alps and Kosciuszko National Park to assess the value of these sites and methods for future work.
 - Visit other parts of the Australian Alps to designing improved natural experiment to assess the broad scale impact of Wild Horses in the Australian Alps, and
 - Using this work to refine methods for future work to measure the environmental impact in treated and untreated sites during a controlled experiment where the density of horses is manipulated by management.
3. Design study of wild horse movement patterns.
 4. Design manipulative experiment to measure the relationship between environmental impact of wild horses and wild horse density in the Australian Alps.

USQ Research Project Outcomes:

1. Improved broad scale assessment of wild horse environmental impact across Australian Alps.
2. Project designed and preparation completed for a study to measure the movement patterns of wild horses in the Australian Alps.
3. Project designed and preparation completed for manipulative experiment to measure the relationship between wild horse impact and wild horse density in the Australian Alps.
4. Broad scale environmental impact assessment paper published.
5. World-wide review of wild horse environmental impact science.

We still hope to involve National Parks in this research, along with community interest groups, to gain greater acceptance of the process and results and to gain real, cooperative, improvements in the management of the environmental impact of wild horses in the Australian Alps.

The processes and results of this USQ/ABA research will be published internationally.

visit our [Chuffed page](#) to donate towards this research!

Member News

Australian Brumby Horse Register (ABHR)

It has been another highly successful year for the ABHR. We have Brumby shows now in four states and membership continues to increase.

This year, the Victorian Showcase Brumby of the Year went to Guy Fawkes Rookie, NSW Showcase Brumby of the Year went to Guy Fawkes Flip'n Dory and ACT Showcase Brumby of the Year went to Wirraway Park Eurkeka.

For more information, details of show results and upcoming shows for 2020 go to: www.australianbrumbyhorseregister.com.au



Save the Brumbies Inc (STB)

NPWS News: We have been informed that some 200 wild Brumbies have died as a result of not only the fires but also natural attrition and old age. There is no pasture left for them, in fact the amount of wildlife and vegetation loss is tragic. A similar situation is apparent in Oxley Wild Rivers N.P. Some trapping in Guy Fawkes is currently in process and our website will have updates as needed so keep in touch. We will do what we can to assist.

News from Nth. Qld. Shelly Cowan reports that there have been only a few fires in the forests in her part of the world, unlike the raging infernos that have devastated other areas of Queensland in recent months.

Sanctuary Reports: NEBS is just dust, dirt and weeds. The horses are fed large quantities of feed daily and most are holding condition. Sadly, we have lost several of the older mares due to colic and inability to cope with the harsh conditions. We sincerely thank our equine vet Calum Paltridge for his prompt attendance. Calum told us that he is getting over six calls per day due to severe colic in horses in the area and assured us that it was no fault of ours, just a result of the terrible drought and smoke haze.

In fact, he complimented us on the obvious care and feeding routines we give all the horses. NEBS Manager, Lucy had the trauma of overseeing euthanasia and subsequent burials of some of our lovely older ladies. Lucy, you're just amazing and we can't thank you enough. We have several quiet, well handled horses available for Adoption in the new year. Prospective new owners are welcome to inspect by appointment. Our website will have updates in due course.

Bellingen Sanctuary: Sponsored horses are in very good condition, but we badly need good, soaking rain also at Bellingen and are now buying in water.

With Thanks: Our thanks to Nick Vale, Brand & Communications Manager, Affirmations Publishing House for the generous donation of a boxful of Horse Affirmation cards which we hope to sell to raise funds. These delightful items can be ordered from STB Inc. via email:

info@savethebrumbies.org or phone: 02 6655 2224.

Cost is \$10.00 including postage and make great small gifts for horse loving friends this Christmas. With thanks.

Our thanks also to Allison Cairns, Animal Rescue Free Cycle and Support for the welcome gift of vet. supplies; always needed.

Open Days: We will reschedule a NEBS Gala Day, probably around Easter when conditions improve and details and dates will be on our website. Meanwhile a Bellingen Sanctuary social day will be held on Saturday 8th February, all welcome, with carrots naturally !!!

Finally our news this Christmas is not very joyful but many of you have been asking about the difficult times we have

been experiencing and we felt all needed to know the full story. Here's to better days ahead.

Victorian Brumby Association (VBA)



It's been another busy year for the team at the Victorian Brumby Association.

In the past twelve months, the we have taken in 17 Brumbies from the Kosciuszko

National Park in NSW, 14 from the NPWS trapping program, 1 sick foal who was found near death and two who had originally been through the trapping program and fallen on hard times. We have taken in 13 Brumbies from the Bogong High Plains in Victorias Alpine National Park, 1 from the Barmah National Park in Victoria and a further 2 from the eastern part of the Alpine National Park, 1 who ended up at a meat sales after being removed from the Park and another who was removed from the wild



suffering from horrific halter injuries after a failed Brumby Running attempt many years earlier. Of our wild caught Brumbies, 7 were adult mares, all of

whom were in foal when they came to us, so our tally of 31 became 38 souls saved. All 15 stallions and colts were

gelded, every Brumby was microchipped, vaccinated and cared for. Of the Brumbies already on our Brumby Junction Sanctuary, we weaned five foals who had been born after their pregnant mothers were caught last year. Their Mums went back out into the paddocks to continue to get their strength back with the 13 permanent residents on our Brumby Junction Sanctuary who will live their lives out with us.

Throughout 2019, we have also had at our Sanctuary, several Brumbies who arrived with us in 2018 and 2017 and required more time prior to rehoming. We ran 3 Brumby Gentling Clinics, finding homes for 17 Brumbies through this program, we also ran the Australian Brumby Yearling Challenge and through this event, found 5 homes for Brumbies. Through our regular rehoming program, a further 19 Brumbies found their forever homes.



Australian Brumby Alliance. Inc.

We used 330 round bales and 1800 small squares of pasture as well as 250 bales of Lucerne hay in 2019. We didn't count the mineral licks we use, but they are like lollypops to our Brumbies, so quite a few!



our next Australian Brumby Challenge and many other activities and events this coming year.

We can do this, as we are part of a village – our village which consists of our committee members, volunteers, sponsors, friends, family and many more. We are proud to be founding members of the Australian Brumby Alliance and love the support group which we are able to be for each other. We are thankful to all who support our cause and to all who make it possible for us to do our work, which we think is so important!



Our committee was represented at the 2019 International Conference on Fertility Control in the USA, completed further on range fertility control training in the USA and was a part of three different National Parks Advisory groups. We wrote submissions to support the Brumbies from the Kosciuszko, Alpine and Barmah National Parks as well as those from the Bago State Forest. We ran a third annual Brumby Festival in the Yarra Valley and are planning for our fourth already! We are also preparing for



All photos are of the VBA Gentling Clinic held for people who are adopting Brumbies

Hoof Prints..... Other items of note

Transhumance wins UNESCO status



Candidacy proposed by Italy, Austria and Greece

Redazione ANSA Rome - 11 December 2019
17:44 – News

Hot off the press, Transhumance (grazing) wins UNESCO status !

Transhumance, the traditional farming practice of seasonal migration of livestock along storied tracks towards better climate conditions, was unanimously inserted Wednesday into UNESCO's list of of intangible cultural heritage.

The successful bid was made by Italy, Austria and Greece. With this new inclusion, Italy has overtaken Turkey and Belgium into top spot for rural and agri-food citations.

Transhumance - literally, "crossing ground" - sees herders, often on horseback and accompanied by dogs, drive sheep

and sometimes cattle across the country in search of seasonal pastures.

The tradition isn't unique to Italy, but the country remains one of the few in Europe to have preserved its ancient network of transhumance routes, some of which are still used by herders today.

Italian transhumance follows established paths, known as tratturi, that lead from the mountains where animals graze in summer to lowlands where they can escape the winter snow.

It is most closely associated with central and southern Italy, where four main routes run through Abruzzo, Lazio, Molise and Puglia. Known as the Royal or King's Pathways, they were protected by rulers in the late Middle Ages but date back far longer.

The custom also exists to a lesser extent in Italy's northern Alps, notably Lombardy and South Tyrol. The practice helped shaped the land, with settlements springing up along the routes and swathes of Puglia - the most common winter destination - being cleared for grazing. It also contributed a rich tradition of folklore, songs and literature.

"Transhumance as a cultural force, with a strong element of identity, has managed to create strong social and cultural bonds over the centuries between the people practising it and the places they pass through, as well as representing a sustainable economic activity characterized by a special relationship between man and nature whose symbolic force has influenced all fields of art," the Ministry of Agriculture said in filing the application.

Tourism has helped the tradition survive, with some agrotourism associations offering visitors the chance to join shepherds on their summer trek.

Extracts from

https://www.ansa.it/english/news/2019/12/11/transhumance-wins-unesco-status_193094a5-e64f-4337-a4c9-2ebe72c7b45b.html Redazione ANSA Rome - 11 Dec 2019

Protecting your horses during the fire season

As readers would surely know, this has been a devil of a fire season and it is not over yet. A good time to remind

people of having a fire plan for their horses and pets as well as themselves. Here are a few links that provide

useful information on keeping your equines as safe as possible.

- https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/9453/Prepare-your-horse-for-bush-fire.pdf

- <https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Publications/Documents/InfoSheet-HorsesInBushfires.pdf>
- http://www.plantagenet.wa.gov.au/pdf/horses_and_bushfires.pdf

The Editor's Tail

In August 2019, I had a 2 am page call from the RFS Firecom system. It was a call out to Bostobrick Station where a front from the Bees Nest Fire was threatening properties on Harness Cask Road between Bostobrick and Tyringham. This was the first time the Bees Nest Fire had crossed into the Bellingen Shire.



Bees Nest originally started from lightning strike weeks before in the Guy Fawkes River National Park. Guy Fawkes seems to have fires every year

and NSW NPW and NSW Forestry firefighters are usually on the job and contain it. But this is not every year and due to the extreme fire conditions, Bees Nest grew quickly to one of the biggest fires on the Mid North Coast.

Today if you look at Fires Near Me, an app from the NSW Rural Fire Service, you will not easily find the Bees Nest Fire because since August it merged with several other fires, extending well out of the National Park.

Among the several fires that merged with it was a deliberately lit fire along the Guyra Road west of Ebor which was lit by a property owner who decided to protect his marijuana crop by backburning during a Total

Fire Ban. This fire travelled quickly toward Ebor burning out the Ebor Falls area in the park (pictured) and merging with the other fires.



Now known as the Liberation Trail Fire, it has burnt over 183,653 ha and this does not include adjacent fire that burned even more of the landscape. I have also been to the Liberation Trail Fire on a night shift to assist with establishing containment lines. So far, weather conditions and the work that has been done by Forestry, NSWNPWS and the RFS has held the fire at bay.



But in NSW alone, 8 people have died including 2 firefighters, over 724 homes and over 1000 other structures have been lost and 2.7 million hectares of land has been burnt. The loss of habitat, wildlife and stock is unimaginable.

Guy Fawkes Brumbies are no doubt used to fire and normally are able to escape. They are a hardy and many will survive, but for many others, if the fire and smoke does not get them, the lack of food will.

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- 🐾 Save the Brumbies Inc. (NSW)
- 🐾 South East Queensland Brumby Association
- 🐾 Victorian Brumby Association

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