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ABA Media Release - Kosciuszko Brumby traps Sabotaged

The ABA does not support behaviour, nor efforts to deny Brumbies, being trapped by National Parks and Wildlife Services (NPWS), a chance to be rehomed to domestic life. The majority of Brumby supporters are saddened by the high Brumby numbers being removed per the KNP management Plan, but we now have a KNP management plan that will retain a Brumby population of 3,000 in Kosciuszko National Park (KNP).

Pictures of dismantled traps posted on social media recently by people will not result in further negation as they wanted; instead, it just escalates emotive anti-brumby environmentalist's calls to "just shoot them".

As rehomers of KNP brumbies, based in NSW, Victoria, and South Australia, and keeping the welfare of our Brumbies at the forefront of everything we do; our united statement is that **"we do not, in the strongest terms, support the recent action of those people in dismantling KNP Brumby traps"**.

This activity is unacceptable and damaging to the ongoing relationship between Parks and those trying to rehome Brumbies. If we remove the ability for rational dialogue, we remove the ability to help rehome horses, leaving all Brumbies at risk of being shot or sent to knackeries, as in the ACT and Victoria.

None of us want to see the Brumbies removed from their rightful homes, but their welfare and indeed their lives depend on us working together for their best chance at new life outside KNP and to retain an ongoing presence of 3,000 Brumbies, living wild, under the NPWS KNP Wild Horse management plan.

Signed by the Australian Brumby Alliance Members (ABA):

- Coffin Bay Brumby Preservation Group (SA)
- Victorian Brumby Association (Vic)
- Heritage Brumby Advocates Australia (National)
- Save The Brumbies (NSW)
- Australian Brumby Horse Register (National)
- White Alpine Equine - Nikki Alberts (NSW)
- Hoofs2010 (NSW)
- Bluewater Brumbies (QLD)
- South East Queensland Brumbies (Qld), and
- Friends of Wild Horses (SA)
- Kaimanawa Heritage Horses (NZ)

And Non ABA Members:

- Chris Ashcroft
- Sally McCoullough
- Indigo Brumbies – Ian McGregor and Andrea Hicks
- AJs Brumby Run - Angel Jade Tanner
- Melbourne Brumby Rehomers - Mandy Hill
- Snowy Mountains Brumby Photographers - Michelle & Ian Brown
- Carol Hancock Photography

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