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ABA commences Supreme Court case against Parks Victoria

Australian Brumby Alliance Inc (ABA) has commenced proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria against Parks Victoria.

Australian Brumby Alliance alleges that Parks Victoria's inhumane killing of Brumbies by gunshot is unlawful and does not comply with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

"Over-population of a non-native species does not give Parks Victoria a ticket to inhumanely kill for population control," ABA president Jill Pickering said.

"Photos have emerged of horses and tiny foals slaughtered by gunshot. Sadly, there is evidence of immense suffering.

"Parks Victoria have chosen cruelty over common sense or compassion by shooting our beautiful, sentient wild Brumby horses.

"There are kinder alternatives available to the Australian Labor Party in Victoria to control Brumby populations, but the Andrews Government has chosen lethal methods.

"Victorian Brumby numbers can be controlled by humane methods, such as fertility control which has been used successfully in the USA for 40 years, and rehoming which was stopped in Victoria when shooting began.

"If ABA is successful in the case, Parks Victoria will have to stop the inhumane shooting and killing of Brumbies and instead use humane methods of control – which is exactly what ABA have been calling on them to do for the last 14 years," concluded Ms Pickering.

ABA has asked for the case to be heard quickly, given the inhumane shooting and killing of Brumbies continues.

The Court has not yet set a date for the hearing.

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