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ABA v Parks Victoria – outcome of Court case announced today

Australian Brumby Alliance Inc (ABA) began proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria against Parks Victoria early September 2022 that the Supreme Court heard on December 1st & 2nd 2022.

ABA alleged that Parks Victoria (PV)'s inhumane killing of Brumbies by gunshot is unlawful, fails to comply with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act and ignores many legal requirements, rules and regulations Parks Victoria are required to comply with in Victoria.

Jill Pickering, ABA President, said "Parks Victoria choose cruelty not compassion, for our valued, sentient Brumbies who have been rehomed for many years. Instead of rehoming Brumbies, PV began shooting 100s of our sentient Barmah, Bogong and East Vic/Alps Brumbies with impunity.

"However today, the Court's decision allows PV to continue the inhumane killing of Brumbies instead of causing PV to re-consider Rehoming and Fertility Control, which the ABA has called for as humane options to control Brumby populations for over the past 14 years," said Ms Pickering.

All Brumby living heritage will tragically be destroyed by PV, despite viable alternatives such as fertility control being effectively applied to reduce wild horses called Mustangs in America. "Australia's multicultural history now have to watch as PV inflict lethal kill policies and ignore their own management plan commitment to prioritise Rehoming and deny Brumbies another chance at life" said Ms Pickering.

"ABA is taking legal advice as to whether it will appeal today's Court decision", Ms Pickering concluded.

A big thankyou to ABA members and supporters who have provided valuable information to assist this case. Thanks also to our legal team who strived to help us stop such inhumane slaughter continuing, and finally a heartfelt thanks to those who have donated to assist our efforts.

Please visit the ABA website www.australianbrumbyalliance.org.au to see how Brumby Rehoming is run by dedicated volunteers with the skills to gentle and prepare previously wild horses for a new domestic life for the sought-after range of skills Brumbies develop in the wild to survive, which are valued by the general public.

The ABA and its many member groups are available to assist PV as they return to Prioritise Rehoming above wasting our versatile, sentient family orientated Brumbies by callously shooting them.

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