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SLOPES: Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Management Plan Review

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

This media release has received a lot of media coverage over the weekend.

Forwarded for your information is the email from KNP with the details including information on how to provide feedback on the Draft Plan.

Regards

Frank Zipfinger
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From: **Rob Gibbs** <Rob.Gibbs@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 1 May 2016 at 08:40
Subject: Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Management Plan Review
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Dear Sir/Madam,

You are receiving this email as you have previously had interest or involvement in the community and stakeholder engagement process for the Kosciuszko National Park wild horse management plan review.

Please find attached a media release from the NSW Environment Minister, announcing the release of the Kosciuszko National Park Draft Wild Horse Management Plan.

The Draft Plan is on public exhibition from 1st May until 8th July, 2016, and during this time the community is encouraged to provide feedback.

The Draft Wild Horse Management Plan and associated documents can be viewed and downloaded online as well as details on how to provide feedback can be found at:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/protectsnowies/>

Display hard copies of the draft plan and associated documents are available for viewing at the NPWS Office and Information centres at Tumut, Khancoban, Jindabyne, Queanbeyan and the OEH Head Office, Goulburn St, Sydney.

NPWS will also host a series of community 'open house', information and feedback sessions in relation to the draft plan in Tumut, Jindabyne and Queanbeyan during the May/June exhibition period. Further details of these will be notified in the near future.

Any general enquiries in regard to the planning process should be forwarded to the KNP wild horse plan mailbox at: Kosciuszko.wildhorseplan@environment.nsw.gov.au

Any media enquiries in regard to the draft wild horse management plan should be made to the OEH Public Affairs Team on Ph. 02 9995 5347

Regards

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Mark Speakman
Minister for the Environment

MEDIA RELEASE

Sunday, 1 May, 2016

MANAGING WILD HORSES IN KOSCIUSZKO

NSW Environment Minister Mark Speakman today invited the community to have its say on the *Draft Wild Horse Management Plan for Kosciuszko National Park*, now on public exhibition.

Mr Speakman said while wild horses would always be part of the cultural heritage of Kosciuszko National Park, current numbers were unsustainable and the horses were damaging the park's fragile alpine and subalpine environment.

"The draft plan outlines how the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) proposes to reduce the overall population of wild horses in the park using a range of humane and cost-effective methods that will see numbers reduced from 6000 to approximately 3000 in the next five to 10 years," Mr Speakman said.

The draft plan responds to the complex issue of wild horse management by proposing a range of humane control methods including trapping, rehoming, mustering, ground shooting, fertility control and fencing. Aerial shooting, 'brumby running' and 'roping' have been ruled out.

The draft plan proposes reducing wild horse population numbers over the next 20 years to a permanent population of around 600, and identifies three locations in the park that could carry this smaller population with less environmental impact.

"Wild horse management is an emotive and complex issue. There are diverse opinions in the community and often deeply held views which polarise stakeholder groups," Mr Speakman said.

"It is clear, however, that the broader community values the unique environmental values of Kosciuszko National Park and looks to NPWS to protect these values.

The *Draft Wild Horse Management Plan for Kosciuszko National Park* and details on how to provide feedback can be found at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/protectsnowies

The draft plan will be on public exhibition from 1 May 2016 to 8 July 2016 and during this time the community is encouraged to provide feedback.

NPWS will also host a series of open days in the Snowy Region. Please visit the [Office of Environment and Heritage website](#) for details.

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