

11 September 2023

The Project Team, Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan
National Parks and Wildlife Service
PO Box 472
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To The Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Project Team,

Re: Amending the Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan: public consultation

The Australian Plants Society NSW Limited (APS NSW) is a community organisation with over 1500 members across New South Wales.

APS NSW advocates for the protection and conservation of our unique natural areas including bushland, waterways and marine areas, and the incredibly diverse flora and fauna that inhabit these areas.

We are deeply concerned about the impact of feral horses on the Kosciuszko National Park Estate. The evidence is clear that wild horses are severely impacting a range of listed threatened flora and fauna species as well as endangered ecological communities.

We, as a Society, do not wish to comment specifically on proposed methods to control horses, as there are animal-welfare issues involved and we are not fauna-control experts.

However, we submit that we strongly support protecting our unique plant species and ecological communities, as effectively as possible using evidence-based scientific approaches.

Yours sincerely,

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