



Meeting Summary

Kosciuszko Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel

Sunday 6 August 2023

The Kosciuszko Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel was formed under the *Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act 2018*. The panel provides independent advice to NPWS on key matters relating to the implementation of the *Kosciuszko National Park Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan* (the plan). The current panel membership was appointed by the Minister for Environment and Heritage in December 2022.

The panel met at Queanbeyan, and six of the seven members were in attendance.

Draft amendment of the Wild Horse Heritage Management Plan

The panel met with the Minister for Environment and the Department of Planning and Environment's Acting Coordinator General (Environment and Heritage Group). The Minister announced that a draft amendment to the plan to include aerial shooting would commence public exhibition on 7 August, until 11 September. The panel were formally invited by the Minister and the Department to provide advice on the draft amendment during the submission period.

Members discussed the draft amendment, including carcass management, park closures and animal welfare.

The panel will hold an extraordinary meeting in order to discuss the content of their advice.

Member safety

Safety mitigations to protect panel members was discussed. It was noted that some incoming correspondence that has been received by the panel could be considered threatening and aggressive.

Next meeting

The panel plans to next meet at the end of August via Zoom.