

The brumbies have been a part of the environment for 150 years now in that time they have not wiped out species of vegetation or caused animals to become extinct. They are like the wild horses on many nations they actually help the environment as nature does with all its animals. I agree that they need to have their numbers maintained but in a humane way and not shooting pregnant mares or mares with foals at foot. You could undergo a sterilization plan as part by sterilizing some of the mares thus reducing numbers or rehoming some of the brumbies. A lot did not survive the fires there have been a lot of brumby groups missing from the mountains since the fires and so there should also be a recount as to actually how many brumbies there are at present as the numbers Parks has been throwing around are way too many even before the fires below I have copied some points to consider from around the world Please help save the brumbies or at least some of them.

Yours faithfully  
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Large wild herbivores are crucial to ecosystems and human societies...Loss of large herbivores can have cascading effects on other species including large carnivores, scavengers, mesoherbivores, small mammals, and ecological processes involving vegetation, hydrology, nutrient cycling, and fire regimes.

- Australia lost all of its native megafauna tens of thousands of years ago, but today has eight introduced megafauna species.
- Wild horses are large herbivores, they have been described as Earth's tree-breakers, wood-eaters, hole-diggers, trailblazers, wallowers, nutrient-movers, and seed-carriers. By consuming coarse, fibrous plant matter they drive nutrient cycles that enrich soils, restructure plant communities, and help other species to survive.
- Wild horses are nomadic herbivores, they enrich their environment and promote biodiversity with their unique digestive systems which allows for regeneration of seeds and grasses as well as their selective grazing patterns which create habitats for bugs and small birds.
- GrazeLIFE is a project by Rewilding Europe which is actively using wild horses (and other herbivores) in their natural state to improve the environment, results demonstrate that natural forests, complete with naturally occurring populations of free-roaming herbivores, can boost biodiversity and reduce the scale and impact of climate change.
- Large herbivores are irreplaceable as seed dispersers because, relative to smaller frugivores, they are able to consume larger seeds and deliver many more seeds per defecation event over longer distances.