

# Meeting Summary

## Kosciuszko Wild Horse Scientific and Community Advisory Panels

Friday 12 June 2020

The Kosciuszko Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel (CAP) was formed under the *Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act 2018* to provide advice on the preparation of a draft wild horse heritage management plan.

The Kosciuszko Wild Horse Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) was formed by the Minister for Energy and Environment to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the National Parks and Wildlife Service to prepare a draft wild horse heritage management plan.

Both panels met online for a combined meeting. This was the third combined meeting of the panels.

## Matters arising from the previous meeting minutes

The SAP provided information on the animal welfare impacts of mustering. This advice aligns with that of the former Kosciuszko Wild Horse Independent Technical Reference Group.

Both panels acknowledged the COVID-19 requirements prevented a previously planned site visit. The panels would still like to undertake a site visit.

## The SAP's report to the Minister

The SAP have almost finalised their report providing advice to the Minister for Energy and Environment on the new wild horse heritage management plan. The CAP was briefed on the SAP report's contents. The Executive Summary of the report was tabled. The remainder of the report was not tabled.

There was broad discussion about the NPWS post-fire control program as well as the SAP's report.

The CAP will work on finalising their report to the Minister at its next meeting.

## Next joint meeting of the CAP and SAP

As required.

The next CAP meeting will be scheduled for July.