

Meeting Summary

Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel

Wednesday 10 September 2025

The Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel was formed under the *Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act 2018*. The panel provides advice to the Minister for the Environment or the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) on matters relating to the identification of the heritage value, and the management of, sustainable wild horse populations within Kosciuszko National Park.

The panel met at Queanbeyan, with seven of the eight appointed members present.

NPWS update

NPWS provided a program update since the March 2025 meeting. Topics of discussion included:

- 2024 thermal camera technology population survey trial
- current control program.

Panel membership

Membership terms expire in late 2025 and early 2026. The panel discussed options for its composition, for recommendation by NPWS to the Minister.

Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Repeal Bill 2025

The panel discussed the intent, process and potential outcomes of the Bill. The panel worked on drafting its advice on the Bill, as requested by the Minister.

Study into the feasibility of a fertility control trial

NPWS provided an update on the status of the study into the feasibility of a fertility control trial.