



Meeting Summary

Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel

Thursday 4 December 2025

The Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel was formed under the *Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act 2018* (repealed). 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 Tumut, with all the appointed members present.

Site visit

The panel attended a site visit to the north of the park on 3 December which included inspection of the temporary wild horse holding yards at Blowering and observation of environmental impacts and recovery.

Presentation

NPWS provided a presentation on broad-toothed rat occurrence relative to wild horse impacts.

NPWS update

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

- 2025 population survey
- current control program.

Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Repeal Bill 2025

NPWS presented on the status and implications of the Bill. The panel discussed the implications of the Bill and requested NPWS seek Legal advice from the Department on the interpretation of a clause. The panel will work on developing advice for the Minister to meet the requirements of the Repeal Act.

The panel submitted its advice on the Bill after the September meeting, 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.