



Extraordinary Meeting Summary

Kosciuszko Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel

Tuesday 30 May 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 online via Microsoft Teams, and all members were in attendance.

Commonwealth Government senate inquiry

The Chair met with the Minister for Environment. The Chair will invite the Minister to attend a panel meeting.

Carcass management

NPWS discussed recent wild horse control activities at Davies and Botherum Plains which left carcasses in the landscape. NPWS discussed with the panel the carcass management process, aesthetic impacts and the science associated with carcass decomposition and scavenger species specific to the Australian Alps. The panel requested additional information and data relating to progress on implementation of the plan.

The Chair will invite the Department's Acting Coordinator General to attend a panel meeting.

Next meeting

The panel plans to next meet in July.