Meeting Summary

Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel

Tuesday 24 March 2026

The Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel was formed under the *Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act 2018* (repealed). The panel will continue as an advisory committee under Part 3 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* until 1 July 2030.

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 all seven appointed members present.

Membership

The tenure of one member expired in March. The membership vacancy will be advertised shortly to restore the total panel membership to eight.

Presentation

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water provided a presentation on the status of the corroboree frog and threats to the species.

NPWS update

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

- current control program
- exclusion fence at Wild horse plain
- 2025 population survey
- wild horse fertility control options
- wild horse carcass monitoring.

Amendment of the Kosciuszko National Park Plan of Management

NPWS presented a proposed process for amendment of the Kosciuszko National Park Plan of Management (POM), including the role of the panel. NPWS also presented:

- the statutory requirements for the amendment, including timeline for adoption
- a possible method for the panel to compile its advice
- research and monitoring results that may be useful
- references to wild horses in the current POM.