

Meeting Summary

Kosciuszko Wild Horse Community Advisory Panel

Friday 7 August 2020

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

Some panel members met at the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) office in Queanbeyan, while the majority attended online for its fourth meeting. The Scientific Advisory Panel Chair and Deputy Chair were guests at the meeting.

Scientific Advisory Panel final draft report

All members (except one) had reviewed the SAP's final draft report to the Minister for Energy and Environment with advice on the new wild horse heritage management plan. Each member shared their views of the report. The panel formally endorsed the report, overall finding its advice to be well-balanced.

The SAP will now finalise its report based on comments from the CAP.

Community Advisory Panel draft report

The panel reviewed key sections of their draft report to the Minister on the new wild horse heritage management plan, with all members providing comment on changes required. Further comment will be provided by members after the meeting on the remaining sections of the report. The report will then be finalised and distributed to members.

General business

Upon finalisation of the CAP's report, there may be no requirement for further CAP meetings.

Panel membership expires in September 2020, but NPWS is recommending member's terms are extended beyond this date.