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Parliamentary inquiry to look at the health and wellbeing of kangaroos and other macropods in New South Wales

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The health and wellbeing of kangaroos and other macropods in New South Wales is the subject of a new parliamentary inquiry getting underway – and the public are being encouraged to have their say.

Chair of the NSW Upper House Portfolio Committee 7 - Planning and Environment Committee, Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC, said, "The committee has established this inquiry in recognition that there are concerns for the wellbeing of the state's kangaroos and for other macropods, which include wallabies, tree kangaroos and other 'big footed' marsupials.

"We'll be exploring a range of issues, including the historical and long-term health and wellbeing indicators of macropod populations and the impact of both commercial and non-commercial killing of kangaroos – including the risk of localised extinction in New South Wales."

As part of its work, the inquiry will also look at threats to habitat, including the impact of climate change, drought and bushfires, as well as the impact of land clearing and the increasing prevalence of exclusion fencing, which can restrict and disrupt the movement of kangaroos.

"The committee will examine current government policies and programs relating to kangaroo management, including the methods used for setting quotas for population culling, the management of culling licences, and more," Ms Faehrmann said. "We'll also be looking at the mechanisms in place to ensure commercial and non-commercial killing of kangaroos is undertaken according to the *Biodiversity Conservation Act* and other relevant regulations and codes."

The committee invites all interested stakeholders and members of the community to have their say on issues relating to the health and wellbeing of kangaroos and other macropods, by way of written submission. Submissions are due by 26 April 2021 and can be lodged via the inquiry website at www.bit.ly/kangaroo-inquiry.

The website also contains further information about the inquiry, including the full terms of reference and details of public hearings as they become available.

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