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**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF
KANGAROOS AND OTHER MACROPODS IN NEW SOUTH
WALES**

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I am a citizen of NSW who is in horror of the 6th mass extinction we find ourselves in. The UN environment report mentions if world is not vegan 70% species estimated to be extinct 2045 - 50 and 90% 2100.

I have not seen a single live macropod this summer and am traumatised as I run trails in blue Mountains and Royal National park and Bern to Picton. and not sighted a single live macropod.

The kangaroos have ecoli and salmonella and are dangerous for human and pet food consumption. This is because they are shot at night decapitated so cannot see no head shot and hung on vehicles in heat driven on dirt tracks getting faeces and dirt into bullet holes contaminating the murdered animal. On the basis of poor hygiene the kangaroo culling and mass slaughter industry must be shut down. The flesh is unrefrigerated and kept in containers which are cooked but could be many hours on heat first and length of time in storage containers of rotting murdered kangaroo corpses.

In 2017 an unexplained virus bacteria authorities do not know caused the death of 80% eastern grey and red kangaroos in western and north western nsw. They died on mass from pneumonia like symptoms. This with current animal abuse caused SARSCOV2 could be a portal to another pandemic. This alone is reason to shut down the culling and mass slaughter kangaroo pet food and leather industry.

It is cruel and most kangaroos do not get a brain shot and many run into bush to die agonising deaths from horrific bullet injuries and joeys die left alone without mum and if found by shooters are decapitated or bludgeoned to death or left by kangaroo killers to suffer and die. Cruelty is reason enough to shut down culling and mass slaughter of kangaroos industry.

The money from killing kangaroos nothing compared to the money from Tourists who love to see kangaroos. 75% of people arriving in Australia want to see kangaroos and people like myself love wildlife and seeing kangaroos. Yet I have not seen a single live macropod this summer. The money from tourism versus shooting is enough reason alone to stop culling and shooting kangaroos.

Grasses planted by environment destroying sheep and cattle farmers is poisonous to kangaroos. Like phylaxis grass and panic grass causing staggers where kangaroos suffer blindness and inability to balance dying horrible deaths this poisoning of kangaroos is enough reason to stop culling killing mass slaughter industry.

Farmers are putting up 5m high exclusion fences when trapped behind fence the kangaroos are denied water food and movement and die these exclusion fences are barbaric torture of our kangaroos and must be outlawed.

The numbers are fabricated to make it appear the leather and pet food industry is sustainable when not. They falsify figures to make it appear as if 30 million kangaroos by multiplying a kangaroo sighting by 30 x if spotted. The numbers in reality are plummeting and as a result the culling killing mass slaughter of kangaroos must be stopped.

Kangaroos suffered to mass death 80% unexplained pneumonia symptoms and then drought no water and extreme heat 50oC and then horrific fires. Climate change and pandemics is pushing kangaroos towards extinction. This tragedy is enough to stop all killing mass slaughter of kangaroos.

The kangaroo is not a so called pest by harmers and shooters. The kangaroo evolved in Australia over 30 million years. It is the kangaroos that deserve protection and cattle and sheep are part of animal agriculture which will end human civilisation and 70% species is extinction by 2050 if animal agriculture is not shut down in its entirety. Basically if world is not vegan 70% species are expected to be extinct 2045-50. Animals like kangaroos that evoked on our continent will end up

extinct and if humans survive the greater mass extinction in more than 500 million years they will wonder why we conducted the worst mass slaughter of wild animals on earth.

The world is watching our treatment or mass slaughter of kangaroos. Europe foris talking of leaving a possible free trade agreement with Australia over our abuse of kangaroos.

Kangaroos do not damage grass they carefully eat new growth where cattle and sheep pull out the grass clumps so kangaroos do not impact on the cattle and sheep which cattle and sheep have caused 56% of Australia to be cleared deforestation. Kangaroos care not pests or destructive it's the cattle and sheep stations that are destructive.

I love kangaroos yet experience no joy as they are being totally massacred and I never get to see live macropods any more.

Protect our kangaroos macropods and adopt every recommendation that Animal Justice Party Mark Pearson puts forward.

Very concerned citizen of NSW worried about our beloved kangaroo and the pending 6th mass extinction of which animal mass slaughter agriculture is leading cause of species extinction 96%. 70% water usage 50% water pollution.90% deforestation and soil erosion . Ocean acidification from lack of trees causing phytoplankton being calcium carbonate life forms to dissolve pH 8.24 down to 8.03 already. We must save life on earth if not in a quarter a human life time macropods and 70% species on earth shall be extinct and human civilisation will collapse as a result.