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

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I strongly believe that the Macropod families in Australia need to be protected. As I understand it there have been several extinctions of some macropod species in Australia already.

These gentle animals that have evolved with and in Australia need to be protected now as they are being wiped out at an alarming rate in some areas of our country.

Contrary to what so many believe, because of what is so often repeated by those that don't know, Kangaroos and Wallabies are not in plague proportions throughout Australia.

I have travelled extensively all over this country, mostly in remote areas for a period of, in total, 2 years. During my last 6 month trip around Australia from East coast to Central and Northern QLD, through NT, across to WA coastline and across the Nullabor, not on the Eyre Hwy, through SA and up to NSW, I saw on only 3 occasions a "mob" of Kangaroos and then only a very small mob of perhaps 20 animals. There were no large mobs or Reds or Greys or any other Kangaroo anywhere. Not anywhere.

It is time to stop the killing of one of the rarest types of animals in the world. It is time to stop this mass slaughter just to fuel the pet meat industry.

Feral animals that roam all over our country should be used to fuel the pet meat industry. There are millions of camels, pigs, goats, buffalo that are destroying our land that could be used as pet food.

Macropods are not only dying from bullets but also from droughts across the land and of course the horrendous bush fires that raged in almost all of Australia I last year 2020.

Millions have been wiped out. STOP STOP STOP THE KILLING

Leave this unique and remarkable mammal that has evolved in this unique and remarkable land called Australia to live and thrive.