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

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Kangaroo Killing

The slaughter of our unique Australian kangaroos must stop immediately.

Kangaroos, like most of our wildlife, have been heavily impacted by droughts, fires and floods; increasingly in the past few years. A few cases of death for our kangaroos are: killed by culls, killed on roads, killed by exclusion fencing, die slow deaths from myopathy after being chased by dogs, 50% of emerging joeys are killed by foxes, killed for meat and killed in unimaginable numbers by the pet food industry. How many each year are dying? What is the true number??

The pet food industry is by far the worst cause of kangaroo decline as it is profit driven. Any supermarket around the country will contain countless numbers of pet food products containing roo meat. A random selection of brands that sell roo meat for pets are Woolworths, Coles, Dr Chris Brown Optimum, Natures Gift, Prime 100, Small Bites, Regal, Ivory Coat, VIP Pet Food, BARF, Leaps and Bounds, Enduro, Pets Choice, My Dog.....

The industry is largely unregulated and cruelty is commonplace.

Despite the myth that kangaroos are in plague proportions, this is clearly a lie. Unlike rabbits, kangaroos only produce one independent young every one to two years. During times of droughts, kangaroos can suffer 100% joey deaths and 60% adult deaths. It is physically impossible for kangaroo populations to 'explode'.

It is time to put the environment and our precious wildlife ahead of individuals' profits. We must act now before it is too late.

Stop the slaughter.