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

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Kangaroos are wildlife.

Therefore carry zoonotic pathogens and can create sicknesses in humans.

There must be a halt to the slaughter of kangaroos before a new pandemic is created.

The people running businesses using kangaroo meat do not test for zoonotic pathogens. The public are not protected whatsoever.

These businesses are behaving in cruel and dangerous ways for profit. Any regulations are ignored and in any case there is no ability for government to monitor the slaughtering of kangaroos.

I have spoken with indigenous people who do not eat kangaroo at all as this beautiful animal is one of their sacred totems. People in the Palawa community are not being respected at all therefore.

Other indigenous communities only rarely ate kangaroo and only when necessary. Only a special member of their community could kill a kangaroo for food.

I would like to see a halt to the slaughter of kangaroos in NSW Australia for the above reasons and because slaughtering this beautiful animal is completely unnecessary. If the general public knew saw or participated in these nightly slaughters there would be an immediate outcry.

Please take the time to consult with the Palawa community and learn about indigenous traditions. Thank you for this opportunity.