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

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I am concerned about the historical and long-term health and wellbeing indicators of kangaroos, and other macropods, at the local, bioregional and state levels, including the risk of localised extinction in New South Wales

In addition I am not convinced about the accuracy with which kangaroo, and other macropod, numbers are calculated when determining population size, and the means by which the health and wellbeing of populations is assessed.

Consider the threats to kangaroo, and other macropod, habitat, including the impact of: Think about these issues: climate change, drought and diversion and depletion of surface water sources, bushfires, land clearing for agriculture, mining and urban development, the growing prevalence of exclusion fencing which restricts and disrupts the movement of kangaroos.

I am worried about current government policies and programs for kangaroo management, including:

- i. the method used for setting quotas for kangaroo culling,
- ii. the management of licences to cull kangaroos,
- iii. temporary drought relief policies and programs,
- iv. current government policies and programs in regards to 'in pouch' and 'at foot joeys' given the high infant mortality rate of joeys and the unrecorded deaths of orphaned young where females are killed,
- v. regulatory and compliance mechanisms to ensure that commercial and non-commercial killing of kangaroos and other macropods is undertaken according to the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and other relevant regulations and codes,
- vi. the impact of commercial and non-commercial killing of kangaroos and other macropods, including the difficulty of establishing numbers killed by landholders sinc