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

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I live in Sydney so I don't see kangaroos often.

It has always been a delight for me to see some while on holidays in the bush and country areas.

I always knew that many farmers don't like any kind of wildlife and treat the animals badly because have openly told me so but I was not aware of the full extent of the exclusion fences used on farmland and the damage they cause.

I was not fully aware either of the horrors of the kangaroo culling/slaughter industry.

I have now read many stories and I cried and cried.

It is hard to believe that such cruelty and indiscriminate killing goes on in a supposedly civilised country, mostly for the protection of the interests of industrial size farms and a meat and skin industry that is unhealthy and unnecessary.

Kangaroo numbers are not nearly as high as they are made out to be as they fluctuate according to the weather patterns and the land available to them and other wildlife is forever shrinking because of urban expansion and housing developments, mining and farming.

So many sadly die on roads as well.

This country needs to learn from the mistakes made in Europe and the US where many species became extinct or very nearly so for being hunted out of their habitat.

Is this what we are aiming for??

Why can't Australia appreciate and value all of its wildlife and the lovely species including the kangaroos which are endemic to our great land and stop treating them as pests.

They have roamed this land much longer than we have and are no danger to humans or the environment. Kangaroos are gentle beings

Humans, their farming practises and their greed represent the greatest danger to everything beautiful, wild and natural around us.

PLEASE

PROTECT THE KANGAROOS