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

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Hello

I am concerned about the sustainability of Australian wildlife - particularly in the wake of the devastating bush fires that decimated so many colonies. We need to ensure that our native animals are able to coexist with us in a manner that is fair, and, most importantly, we need to ensure that we know exactly what species survived and where their numbers are at. All kangaroo culling should be suspended until the data is in so that it is known exactly what subspecies are endangered. And during this time laws need to be decided upon that protect them. It will do no good if the companies that rely on killing our native fauna are able to demand their right to continue because it is their livelihood. It has been a convenient livelihood, as farmers have complained about their numbers affecting crops, but it may not be any more - something that will only be known once the data is in. And we need to ensure that there are 'maximum quotas' that are policed with fines and penalties for superseding those quotas.