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

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To whom it may concern I am writing in concern of the inquiry into the health and well-being of kangaroos and other macropods in NSW. Like most Australians I would not like to see our national emblem become extinct. I welcome your inquiry into how things can be managed better. At the start of the drought in 2017 we had thousands of Roos on our property. By the time it rained in Feb 2020 probably around 90% of those Roos had died. We were pulling Roos out of dams that could not stand up. It was very sad to see these animals suffer in such a way. This catastrophe could have been avoided if the kangaroo culling system had been managed better. The Roos had bred up in the good seasons and not culled heavy enough. That is happening again now, the numbers are breeding up quickly again. My feeling is the kill quota should be doubled. We need more roo shooters on the ground. This nonsense of only shooting males and not females is ridiculous. Kangaroo meat is a very high protein and lean meat. The world is chasing high protein meat so we need to accommodate that demand it would certainly help our crippling economy. The skins are also a very valuable product. I am asking that a common sense approach is made to this issue. We all know that kangaroos will never become extinct. Australia is a big country. The other problem is that they destroy grasslands, crops and fences. If numbers of dogs and Roos were managed better there would be no need for exclusion fences. I hope you consider some of these things as we move forward. Also another thing to consider is that if these climate change experts are right which I don't believe they are we would be better off without Roos because they are using oxygen and also eating oxygen producing plants. Like I say I hope you all have a look at the big picture and work out a way forward with common sense. Thank you for letting us submit our ideas.

Yours faithfully

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