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**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF
KANGAROOS AND OTHER MACROPODS IN NEW SOUTH
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I am currently looking to move to the Northern Rivers Area of NSW, where I have many friends. When I was a child in South Australia (60years ago) I was blessed to see many kangaroos, emus, Koalas around where I lived. Now there are none. The same in Victoria. The only roos you see now are dead ones on the road or maybe, if you are lucky, a small mob in the distant fields. We are losing our Unique animals and way of life. Our children will not have the joy we had of seeing the wildbeings run. Theirs will be trapped in zoos and sanctuaries. Worse they may not be here at all. Our kangaroos are our National Emblem yet we kill them in their thousands. Culls are just killing, might as well call it that, because a cull is for an overabundance of animals. If that were the case we would see them everyday in droves of hundreds, bounding free. We do not. No Australian is fooled by the govt. saying the numbers are too high. We have eyes. We know they are not. What the govt. should say is the famers and meat industries, the shooter and hunters want us to cull them. So thats what the govt. does. A govt. that listened to its people would say no. I have friends in UK and USA. They all want to see our wildlife when they come. Kangaroos in particular! Our Kangaroos are so loved overseas, its almost the no1 thing tousists want to see. And tourism creates a huge percentage of our employment and National Income. Yet we kill our Roos in mass killings. Why? Why is the govt so determined to placate those industies which offer so much less to Australia.

Finally, just to let you know, The last friend that visited, in order to see a wild kangaroo I had to drive for 250km. The SHAME of Australia. People overseas do know how brutally we kill them, how we are driving them to extinction, like so many other species we have done. How can I justify this? All I can say is it is the Government that does this slaughter. Not the people. We do not want this.