

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

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I am deeply concerned about the way macropods are treated in NSW, and the lack of wild macropods in NSW.

On a 2 week road trip from Sydney - Lightning Ridge - Brewarrina - White Cliffs - Broken Hill - Mungo NP - Cowra - Bathurst I saw only 2 live kangaroos the whole time, near a river on the way from Broken Hill to Mungo. Two! Where are they?

Then on leaving Cowra on the way to Bathurst I saw a horrific sight: there must have been 20 or more dead kangaroos hung up on a property fence right near the road. Like some sort of macabre totem pole, or a warning to others. It was so horrific and made me and my husband so upset. It was like a scene out of a horror film, that also left me feeling very unsafe. Cruelty to animals leads to cruelty to people, especially women.

When I see the work of people who care for orphaned kangaroos like the famous Kangaroo Dundee at the sanctuary in Alice Springs (that was made famous by a BBC series, and that was really popular with overseas visitors) then see this, I feel so defeated and ashamed.

I urge you to do more to protect our wild macropods, and treat them with respect.

Thank you