

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

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I have a 320 acre property on part of which I grow Blueberries and Olives. There is a small mob of eastern grey kangaroos which graze over my property, less than when I arrived here 20 years ago due to the subsequent unrestricted kangaroo culling practices of the neighbouring cattle farmer. The kangaroos prefer to graze the “ rough” native grasses available on my land and have no interest in the crops I plant. Occasionally the neighbouring Hereford cattle break through the boundary fences , graze heavily on my crops and despoil the waterways in my valley. Deer from another neighbouring pine forest have proliferated over the last 5 years and cause considerable damage to the native regrowth and create soaks along the creeks interfering with the flow. It is obvious which species is a threat and unsustainable in the Australian environment . The practice of slaughtering a native species for no acceptable evidence based reason is disgraceful and a shame on our standing in the international community. I welcome any members of the committee to visit my farm to gain an understanding of the benign nature of kangaroos on the varied farming communities and the Australian landscape.