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

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Kangaroos were rarely eaten by our indigenous people in the past and the Palawa community never ate kangaroo due to this magnificent animal being their sacred Totem.

I believe Australia is being totally disrespectful to our indigenous people by slaughtering kangaroos. Many people I am associated with agree. These beautiful animals were only eaten if smaller animals were not available, only killed as needed, and were only killed by a special representative of the particular tribe. There were/are rules for good reason for this plus rules for cooking.

Kangaroos carry zoonotic pathogens and wildlife must not be slaughtered and eaten. The barbaric industry is a pandemic in waiting.

The cruelty kangaroos experience during the horrific killing nights is totally unacceptable and not necessary. For a handful of people to earn money using this cruelty is completely unAustralian.

I am personally traumatised because of the photos and footage I have viewed that show kangaroos being shot, baby joeys being slammed against a bull bar and the poor kangaroos hanging in the back of dirty vehicles often in the open and next to wild pigs. These visions remind me of the wetmarkets overseas and viruses can be easily transferred to humans. Yet this is Australia a so called progressive nation!?!

Why haven't we learned from the current pandemic? Deaths, suffering and poverty plus complete changes to life as we knew it because some people slaughtered wildlife out in the open in disgusting cruel places. The kangaroo industry is doing the exact thing and the public have had enough. For once please do the right thing for the whole population please. Stop the slaughter of our kangaroos!

Our children don't get a say but they are sad, angry, traumatised and feel their future is in the hands of barbaric monsters. They need positives and we must begin by setting examples that show we will protect kangaroos not massacre them.

The farmers who state they can not farm sheep or cattle because of kangaroos I feel need to either diversify so that they are at one with the land or invest in fencing where possible.

Our kangaroos are a unique intelligent sentient being and it is our job to look after them not slaughter them. Other countries are appalled and I believe we are a disgrace.

Stop this vile cruelty now please!

Information included herewith was gained by a proud Palawa woman who is an acquaintance.

Thankyou for this opportunity. Photo would not attach. Please email if you would like to see it.