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

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Kangaroos are on the Australian Parliament building and our coat of arms, so why are they not valued as precious instead of unscrupulous shooters able to shoot them as part of 'culls', often in cruel manner, not killing them outright, letting them die a slow death. Joey kangaroos are taken from their mother's pouch and killed in a cruel manner. Many people in other countries cannot believe we treat our national icon in such a dreadful manner, the US government has declared the killing of kangaroos as cruel and unjust.

As a wildlife carer I see too often the disrespect that many Australians treat kangaroos, the myth of 'breeding like rabbits' is still believed. The many culls undertaken by governments and local Councils must stop, we lost so many during the drought and bushfires.