

**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 a licensed wildlife carer with Wildlife Rescue South Coast, NSW. For the past 6 years I have rescued, rehabilitated and tried to find safe places to release, Eastern Grey Kangaroo joeys who have been orphaned due to Motor Vehicle Accidents, getting caught up on wire fences and their mothers being shot by recreational shooters.

In the summer 2019/20 the Bushfires tore through our road and surrounding bush and Morton National Park. Since then the numbers of Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Red Necked Wallabies and Swamp Wallabies in this area would have dropped by nearly two thirds in number. I would also like to point out that a lot of orphaned joeys now coming in are also suffering from disease particularly Babesia caused by a tick borne parasite and even with veterinary treatment are not surviving.

This is very distressing and affects mine and other Carer's mental health.

I cant' stress more strongly that the Government needs to do something to preserve are unique and wonderful wildlife while unlike other countries we still have some.