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

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I've been a wildlife rescuer for many years, rescuing many kangaroos and wallabies from a variety of circumstances. Car accidents are a major problem but fences and shooting is another major cause of roo and wallaby rescues. Entire mobs wiped out in a night, there yesterday gone today. I've been called to roos with jaws blown off, ears, gut shot all done by licenced shooters either commercial or recreational. The amount of heads and paws I've found left to rot on the ground from the shooting. I have many wildlife carer friends who spend their lives saving these animals and don't want to release them knowing being shot is likely to happen to their charges. Raising roos and wallabies requires alot of money and time and care, all thrown away because a landowner can't co exist for some reason or another. They simply aren't safe to live in the country they evolved on

We need non lethal only methods to deal with any macrapod issues. Being a slow breeding marsupials, I've already seen the decimation in many areas I travel, the term being shot out, is widely used in both rural Queensland and NSW. Without urgent changes I fear these local extinctions will result in far bigger regional extinctions and then further to complete states. I know many people who don't understand roos can't fathom this fact. This was said about the carrier pigeon and it went extinct. The counts themselves are completely unscientific and can't be used as fact. Guessing based on rain fall and fly overs cannot give accurate populations. It's disgusting behaviour from an industry who's only want is to profit from wildlife that many people despise for daring eat grass. Farmers and shooters say if we don't use the bodies, there just left to rot? How bout we don't shoot them at all?

I hope you work towards phasing out the commercial industry and work on non lethal methods when dealing with kangaroo issues, they are our native emblem not vermin to rid ourselves of. I still can't believe Australians see them like that due to farming interests