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

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Dear Members,

I am hoping I can help you understand the complex nature of these beautiful souls that Australia are so lucky to have for the moment.

Kangaroos are a social animal. They live in groups and help each other, much like the elephants. But in saying that kangaroos mothers carry their babies as you would know in their pouches which has so many benefits for their baby/joey. When killers/shooters go out to kill the kangaroos they do not know if there is a baby in the pouch and supposedly the killers are meant to check and kill the baby so it doesn't die a slow and painful death. This can be by stomping on its head or bashing it against a hard surface. While all this is happening the rest of the mob of kangaroos are seeing their friends and relatives being murdered. Myopathy would take hold on these kangaroos left alive and probably kill them. Myopathy is a slow and painful death which is brought on by stress. These gentle souls do not deserve to be treated like this. No animal deserves this treatment. Why do humans think this is okay to murder other living creatures especially in such a inhumane way.

Please if you have any compassion for other creatures please watch videos of what really happens to these animals. Steve Irwin's father shared a video years back to highlight the disgusting killing of the Australian kangaroo.

Our wildlife appears to be loved by other countries more than it is here in Australia. Will you help by making changes to our laws to prevent these mass killings. If you could only go and share a day with these beautiful creatures I know you would understand what we are telling you.

Thank you for at least reading my submission. I hope and pray that it may save our true Australians.