

**Submission
No 164**

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

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In assessing submissions to this Inquiry I request weight be added to the impact of projected climate change impacts on kangaroos', and other macropods', future habitat and survival.

These animals have evolved under harsh conditions, but may not have enough time available for evolution to assist them in the future, for adaptation, to ever-increasing and escalating adverse environmental impacts.

In this light, the commercial kangaroo industry is unsustainable.

Culling is denial of the impending future adverse impacts on their habitat, that will result in these animals' populations being decreased and compromised. This is a point in history where we should ameliorate, not compound, their future struggles to survive as a species.

Exclusion fences are a barrier - with the projected future increase in adverse impacts of droughts and floods - to water access, higher ground and food sources.

Unique in the world, kangaroos and other macropods unquestionably play a major role in keeping Australian ecosystems balanced and liveable - including for other fauna, flora and humans.

Please ensure we don't see these wondrous animals on the ever-expanding, "extinctions" list, by not only shielding them from the exploitations they have suffered in the past, but by ensuring conditions are improved for them so that they may survive healthily in the future.