

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

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Kangaroo Inquiry.

I am against the slaughter of healthy Kangaroos and Wallabies for human consumption and other products. I'm horrified at the mass slaughter of these animals every year. The continuous slaughter after so many would have perished during our fires. The world is horrified we do not hold our native animals as precious and to be respected. The world as well as Australians donated millions and millions due to our animals perishing in the fires, yet now find out we allow mass slaughter and worse, than that, allow people to profit from our unique native animals slaughter. And that guidelines to kill joeys are to smash their heads in. How barbaric are we in Australia.

In most countries their national emblem is protected and placed on a pedestal. The world is disgusted that we kill our macropods .

The counting of these precious animals is also hugely flawed. Taking away movement between areas and regions, you cannot not rely on spotting a few and then applying a maths formula that assumes you didnt see most of the population when you counted.

I'm also against exclusion fencing. Having witnessed animals trapped during fires, with no escape due to exclusion fencing, these are a death sentence. For what? So farmers can keep kangaroos out of their farms that hold non native animals. They need to find a better way and learn to live with our native animals.

The kangaroos just 10 minutes out from where I live, live in harmony with property owners, small and larger farms. Most are welcomed. They do not cause any harm or damage. Sadly though there are gunshots heard near the properties I frequent and have my horses. Its scary that property owners and my family and I do not know when a property owner or hunters are going to start shooting or where. This occurs mostly during the night, and sometimes during the day.

Where we agist our horses, the owner is a carer for wildlife arc, and is taking in many joeys each year. Left orphaned, from their Mothers being shot, or hit by speeding cars, or tangled in fencing and left to die. This also happens frequently around the country and in particular so many kangaroos and wallabies were saved and nutured back to health after the fires, for what? To go back into the bush and countryside to then be killed by hunters.

Stop this open slaughter of our amazing Kangaroos and Wallabies. The world is watching and Australian's are judging those in power on how compassionate and considerate they are towards all animals, but especially our natives.