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

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I believe that any measures taken to reduce kangaroo populations should first be proven to be necessary and not just to sell their pelts.

There are a number of aspects of the current management of kangaroos that I find disturbing.

Large numbers of kangaroos are shot inhumanely every year with no on-the-ground animal welfare monitoring of shooters.

Each time a female kangaroo is shot her dependent joey is either killed by the shooter or will die as a result of dehydration or starvation. The RSPCA has raised serious concerns about the suffering caused by shooting females with pouch young.

The process of setting quotas for killing kangaroos does not relate population reduction directly to damage mitigation.

Until these issues have been properly addressed, questions remain about the humaneness of kangaroo shooting and the basis for current government policies on the management and killing of kangaroos.