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

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Kangaroos are an Australian National icon. They are intelligent, gentle animals who live in close family groups. They feel pain and fear and they grieve. No one owns them and no one has the right to kill these intelligent animals who are just trying to survive. Not only are these beautiful animals chased down, terrified and then shot by supposedly crack shot killers- who leave the poor animals writhing in agony- but also their pouch young are ripped from them and have their heads smashed in with rocks, or on bull bars or have their throats cut! Those at foot joeys who are not shot are left- terrified- to watch their mothers murdered, to starve to death or to be attacked and killed by predators! The only reason anyone would be involved in this cruel, vile and barbaric so-called 'industry' is to make money. These animals do no harm... they deserve to live in peace. What will you tell your children and grand children in the future when the kangaroo is all but wiped out, knowing that you made it happen?