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

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please address the impacts of Commercial and non-commercial slaughter, Urban Development, Land clearing and Exclusion fencing. Current government policies and programs for kangaroo management, including: (i) the method used for setting quotas for kangaroo culling, (ii) the management of licences to cull kangaroos, (iii) temporary drought relief policies and programs. After watching the documentary "Kangaroo" last year I was shocked and disgusted at the management of our iconic animal, that is barbaric, not based on sound science and corrupt and left in the hands of unqualified and cruel people. Imagine if this news got out overseas at the way we treat our iconic animal which we put on our unlawful false coat of arms and currency. Why the ABC and SBS have not brought this to mainstream public attention is disgusting. In this documentary it showed there is 1 MP in Australia addressing this issue, once he was made aware of it by his constituents. Some of the issues in this documentary that have been brought to light include....

- (1) Current government policies and programs in regards to 'in pouch' and 'at foot joeys' given the high infant mortality rate of joeys and the unrecorded deaths of orphaned young where females are killed.
- (2) Barbaric and indiscriminate regulatory and compliance mechanisms that don't ensure that commercial and non-commercial killing of kangaroos and other macropods is undertaken according to the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and other relevant regulations and codes.
- (3) Cruel and unacceptable impact of commercial and non-commercial killing of kangaroos and other macropods, including the difficulty of establishing numbers killed by landholders since the removal of the requirement for drop tags.
- (4) Current and alternative measures are needed to provide an incentive for and accelerate public and private conservation of kangaroos and other macropods. The NSW kangaroo enquiry should advise protecting kangaroo corridors through the landscape along known migratory paths; Investment in regional tourism to view kangaroos in their native habitat; and A great kangaroo national park