

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

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It is my personal view that not enough is being done in the said state of N.S.W in regards to the welfare of Australian wildlife particularly Kangaroos. From information I have resourced and from various articles I have read on a constant basis over a period of ten years I have formed an opinion that the present treatment of Kangaroos in N.S.W is inadequate. Constant culling without periods to re consider the damage done to Kangaroo populations from environmental disasters, kangaroo industry culling, farmers culling all need to be considered. At present there are no areas or districts to separate the above factors in determining Kangaroo populations across the state. Accurate counting of populations and species need to be an annual occurrence. The use of exclusion fencing is changing the state's landscape forever and prevents future generations of our children from seeing what natural landscapes are, it will diminish Kangaroos who have lost there pathways to habitats and water and will be replaced by a landscape of sheep. The government does not consider how vital Kangaroos are to the state through tourism. Overseas visitors have said after the Opera house and Harbour Bridge Kangaroos in the wild are what they come to Australia to see. The atrocious treatment of joeys after there mothers are shot is no longer an acceptable or humane way of killing that is having their heads bludgeoned nor should this practice be handed to the shooters children to perform. Overall new laws need to be implemented to protect our Kangaroo and if we are going to proceed as a civilisation we will have to put some effort in to how we can live in harmony rather than just kill.