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

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THE ONGOING MASSACRE OF KANGAROOS MUST END.

Most people in Australia and overseas find the slaughter of our iconic national symbol abhorrent. There are a range of species..some quite rare. All should be valued and not treated with ignorant contempt. . Normally the large alpha males are targetted by hunters first which reduces genetic health. This is the largest massacre of land based animals in the world. Millions of kangaroos and their young are killed every year and this loss in numbers can not be sustained. Koalas were also killed by the millions and now they are predicted to be extinct in NSW by 2050. What makes this trade especially tragic is that much of the kangaroo meat ends up as cat food... one of the creatures that is already responsible for decimating our wildlife.

The Kangaroo killing industry is also cruel and barbaric. Young joey's are routinely smashed against bull bars and the "young at foot" are generally left to hop into the bush and die a cold and lonely death from starvation. Many tourists visit Australia (excluding Covid timeframes) and travel the length and breadth of the country without seeing a single Kangaroo. Kangaroos have been massively impacted by drought, land clearing, bushfires and road kill. These animals deserve an even break without being hunted by an industry intent on exporting as many as they can as frozen carcasses. Kangaroos don't breed in drought..yet they are still shot when their numbers are depleted, they don't compete for the same food as livestock..they are indigenous Aussie's that have roamed this land for millennia.

Surely as a society we should be respecting these noble creatures and protecting their wellbeing not exploiting them for a quick buck.

I believe it is the roll of government to conserve Australia's biodiversity. Please do so.