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

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As a macropod harvester myself I can attest that our industry is not a detrimental threat to the kangaroo population.

Exclusion fences and non-commercial culling have a bigger threat to kangaroos and other wildlife than anything I have seen before.

See, with commercial harvesting there is a clear paper trail of animals sold within the game meat industry. Also harvesters have to accomplish set marksmanship tests and various game meat hygiene courses and set guidelines by national parks to be able to do our job properly and to the utmost standards.

Non-commercial culling has no direct paper trail, no marksmanship Credentials of any sort and a lot of the time the animals will suffer a lot of stress and a unfortunate death as the result of this.

As a commercial harvester we are not here to decimate the population we are here to manage it we do not want to see the kangaroos completely wiped out but some people do which is quite sad with the use of exclusion fencing and non-commercial culling with no restrictions pretty much and no one to govern it.

As a commercial harvester if we do no shoot a kangaroo in the head we suffer a hefty fine but a non-commercial shooter can shoot them anywhere leave them in the paddock and no one knows about yet the commercial shooter will always cop the blame.

I hope common sense if there is any left in this world will prevail and see that the commercial industry is not the problem with kangaroo numbers.

Thank you

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