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

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I am writing in support for an inquiry into the survival and wellbeing of all marsupial. Australia is the only continent upon which these magnificent beings exist yet instead of being their guardians we have become their abusers and the reason of their destruction. Marsupials are unique animals and whilst they adapt well to the Australian climate and condition they also pay the price of bushfires and droughts. But their biggest enemy is humans - we Australians. We take them for granted. We take their land to build homes, to provide grazing for cattle and sheep and to build roads. We drive carelessly and leave them injured often with babies in their pouch. We shoot them and treat them like pests because they try to survive and graze on 'our land' and drink 'our water' - the land and water we took from them in the first place... We hunt them and use them as a source of food, or for their skin, or even their paws... The brutalities we inflict on them are countless... We forget that they are the natives and we are the imposters! Indeed our human arrogance has no boundaries and yet we proudly display them as a symbol of our country... It is time to turn around and start cherishing and protecting the native life that is part of this continent and live in harmony with it. I pray that your inquiry will do just this!