

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

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(In particular I am giving witness to the inquiry reference points NO.3&4)

My intention was to go on holiday to Australia to be among kangaroos in their natural habitat whilst supporting 2 people who wanted to provide this eco-tourism experience, sharing their love and dedication for the majestic kangaroo. To take unpaid leave from work and use my savings to see kangaroos- ALIVE, That was my wish.

I had always been fascinated with kangaroos and fell in love with them during a short visit to Australia in 2018. However, the disturbing images/footage captured in the film 'Kangaroo: The Love/Hate Story' (I saw in 2017 at the International Animal Rights Conference in Luxembourg) was etched in my mind. I had been very shocked and appalled at the extent of the cruelty and as a UK citizen we are led to believe kangaroos are an admired National Icon. I'd had no idea there was a Kangaroo Commercial Industry and that the massacre is the largest in the world.

So, my intention was to capture the Truth and help in any way I could..

I went back to Australia March-June, 2019 and stayed with Greg Keightley and Diane Smith near Portland, New South Wales. They have never been able to develop their plan for an eco-tourism business since purchasing their property over a year ago. All because of the Commercial and non-Commercial shooting of kangaroos. How outrageous!

During my stay what struck me the most was the unregulated, relentless and very VERY cruel killing. Also, the huge financial and emotional impact on Diane and Greg and as a tourist with a dream to spend my time (and money) seeing the world's most famous mammal but treated so badly. There is nothing humane about it.- nor are the females left alone to avoid joeys being 'disposed of'. Also, I saw very few male kangaroos during my long visit, all gone.

I saw the chopped off discarded heads, tails, innards, hands and feet of the slaughtered kangaroos left behind after the night's Commercial Shooting. See photos- CULLEN BULLEN (April, 2019)

I noticed many gunshot wounds on the neck or side of head area and some heads didn't have any shot wounds at all.

Is this what the Australian Government want tourists to see? !

Greg, Diane and I rescued an unfurred Joey in April, 2019 at CULLEN BULLEN (see photos) the day after we'd heard shooting. His mum was left after being shot and left (commercial shooter) We saw a head shot wound although not in between the eyes as suggested by the National Code of Practice for an 'immediate death'. It was a miracle that he had survived the night ! but, his future is bleak because he will be shot if he goes near the paddocks that has the commercial shooter visiting.

We saw shooting one night (April 2019) at Cullen Bullen with two trucks parked side by side for 45 minutes after the Commercial shooting. When we visited the area the next day to check for survivors- it was sickening - there were 2 dead kangaroos dumped adjacent to a public road just where the trucks had parked the night before- see photos- she was an old kangaroo signified by the amazing white stripe on her beautiful face. We were so sickened- she had three inflicted injuries on her body- a stab wound under her chin (in her throat) a gun shot on her thigh

and a broken leg. She had milk in her teats, so she had an at foot joey, we searched for him/her but- nothing - we think predated. She had a blooded hand which showed she tried to comfort herself and it was not an immediate death. The male suffered a similar fate, he had sustained 3 injuries. The image of her face is still etched in my heart & mind.

We saw shooting (Diane and Greg could give exact dates) in April, on Portand and when we went to see if there were any survivors we came across the carnage left behind. Kangaroos and a wallaroo had been shot at (not head) and run over, they had suffered a sustained brutal attack/killing- see photos

I enclose a film Diane made of me holding Leggo (the rescued un-furred Joey) explaining why i hold vigils at the Australian High Commission in London, UK.

Thank you so much for taking the time to look at my submission and for all your effort during this inquiry. So needed! thank you xx