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

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

(a) Sept 2019 - I drove from Bellingen to Moree and return, I have not seen any kangaroos during my travel.

(c) ii) Bushfires

Before the 2019 bushfires, wallabies can be seen on Sunny Corner Road evenings when I drive home. But after the fires, none can be seen during 2020. Now occasionally, there might be one on our quiet road once in a while. Most of them have not returned after the horrific bushfires.

Also after the bushfires, there's hardly any wallabies around my house areas. I used to see lots of them around the house yards in the evenings, sometimes even during the day. Now they are rarely seen.

My friends live in Mataganah NSW near Wyndham, the 2019 bushfire has burnt out a huge kangaroo habitat on their 200-acre property. They used to see lots of kangaroos when they go bushwalking late afternoons. But now no kangaroo can be seen. They have been on their property for the last 7 weeks and have not seen any kangaroo at all during their daily one-hour late afternoon bush walks. Therefore, the impact of the bushfires has drastically reduced the kangaroo numbers in Mataganah.

(h) It would be fantastic to protect kangaroos & other macropods with investment in tourism in NSW regional areas.

Also protecting them with wildlife corridors.