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

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I wish to object strongly to the shooting of kangaroos and wallabies in NSW. I believe that this is an horrendous and cruel industry completed in the hours of darkness out in the country.

There is a Code of Practice for the Shooters which cannot be policed and is often ignored resulting in much pain and suffering which is unacceptable.

Kangaroos were once a common sight in NSW but they are rapidly disappearing due to inflated estimates by the government that allows inflated quotas for shooting. Kangaroos do not breed like rabbits and many joeys are lost naturally anyway and don't survive to breed.

Unfortunately the meat industry make outrageous claims to the public so that they believe the animals are humanely shot without suffering. No mention is made of the pouched joeys that are cruelly slaughtered as a waste product or the at foot joeys that escape and die a slow death from starvation or predation.

The method of transport hanging in the back of a ute prior to reaching a chiller box is very unhygienic. Kangaroos also suffer from a variety of diseases that make them unfit for human consumption.

Shooters could be far better re-deployed to deal with feral animals such as cats and pigs in their local areas.