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**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF
KANGAROOS AND OTHER MACROPODS IN NEW SOUTH
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The Kangaroo Slaughter industry must stop. It is barbaric and horrific. I have been a wildlife carer for 10 years and the atrocities I have witnessed are beyond heartbreaking. The decline in the populations in this area, the Northern Tablelands NSW, is shocking. I'm amazed that the NPWS hasn't stopped the slaughter already. I have witnessed horrific dog attacks on a young female kangaroo who had massive holes in her neck from their teeth marks. Her neck was full of maggots. She also had a deceased baby joey in her pouch that was being eaten by maggots. She had been shot and also her male partner had also been shot and laying dead 5 metres from her, as seen in the photos. The attitude towards Kangaroos is disgusting and the Governemnt hasn't helped at all by improving the outlook towards them. They advertise the killing of Kangaroos for pet food or human consumption as sustainable. Our own unique fauna of Australia sold as food. This is disgusting and shocking. After the drought and fires there has been even further decline in this area. Driving from Port Macquarie along Waterfall Way to Armidale there are hardly and dead bodies along the road. Before the drought and fires there were bodies. Now nothing. I'm afraid we have killed them off. Its very sad and breaks my heart to see such an important animal being made extinct in this area. Humans have alot to answer to. We are destroying everything beautiful. Its hard to find any wildlife left in this area. Sadly they have all been killed. The shooters, the farmers, the fences, the cars, the foxes, the pet dogs, the cats. There is absolutely no respect for Australia's wildlife and this makes me so angry. During the night, shooters would shine their torches in my bedroom windows spotlighting for Kangaroos. I had to visit the neighbour and ask him not to allow them on his property because I feared for my families safety. I would cry at night horrified at the gun shots and the thought of kangaroo mobs being torn apart and murdered in the dark. I have been called out to properties where people have found young at foot joey's running around. I asked if they had shooters out the night before and the answer would always be yes. I have also had farmers tell me that when they go to NPWS to order tags to kill kangaroos, they would always double the number to kill more. What hope does this beautiful animal have? This sad disgraceful industry must stop before its too late. Please end the killing. We have fought long and hard for the rights of wildlife now its time to change the attitude of Australians and give back to nature.