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

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I am absolutely horrified that this amazing animal, an aboriginal totem and our national emblem has been reduced to being described as a 'pest' and slaughtered by the millions. How could the kangaroo, an animal native to this country, an animal that has been living in the country for millions of years possibly be considered a pest? This is white colonialism at its best. Kangaroos are perfectly adapted to the Australian environment.

It is shameful that our Governments not only allow the slaughter of millions of kangaroos each year but that they in fact profit from this disgusting industry.

Growing up I spent a lot of time travelling regional NSW, and we would always see kangaroos. Today this is not the case, I see the occasional kangaroo dead on the side of the road, but rarely if at all do I see them living in their natural environment.

This slaughter must end!