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

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Kangaroos and other macropodes are unique to our continent and are our national symbol and pride.

These highly social and very cute animals are essential for maintaining biodiversity, attracting tourists, promoting compassionate attitude towards wildlife, their habitat and healthy environment.

Our national treasure should not be shot, maimed and killed. Their joeys bludgeoned to death in a barbaric way.

The brutality of kangaroos and other macropodes killing has globally stained our reputation. The world's largest slaughter of land-based wildlife is contradicting our international reputation for caring for the wildlife, biodiversity and the environment. Their welfare should be paramount, and their habitat protected.

Besides the extreme habitat destruction by human overdevelopment and farming practices, land clearing, climate change, drought, the catastrophic bushfires claimed many innocent lives, drastically reducing their populations.

The population count performed by those whom are enjoying maiming and killing kangaroos and their joeys and by those of having commercial interest is grossly overestimated and unreliable.

An independent scientific estimation should be performed, however regardless of the numeric outcome, no bludgeoning of joeys, culling or any other form of animal cruelty should be allowed. The use of exclusion fencing, the granting of the licenses to kill either for pleasure or commercial gain should be reexamined by the government applying high moral, ethical and humane standards.

The current government policies regarding the welfare of our sentient national symbols and treasures are astonishingly inadequate, permitting animal cruelties and the destruction of our wildlife and their habitat.

The global outcry against our barbaric treatment of our kangaroos and other macropodes, the banning of the products of cruelty by most countries is a clear signal that the law should substantially protect these sentient and tourist dollars bringing animals.