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

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The kangaroo is on our coat of arms. People all over the world think of Australia when we see a logo with a kangaroo or any picture of a kangaroo. Their bodies are adapted for Australia's harsh environment and they have an important role in keeping nature balanced. They are gentle animals who do not attack anyone unless massively provoked. Our governments are irresponsible to encourage the largest mass murders of any land fauna in the world and if kangaroo killers keep killing them we will have no wild kangaroos left to balance our ecosystems. The only kangaroos to be seen will be the poor sad kangaroos in prisons. Is this really what our governments want? Contrary to governments' oft repeated phrase - "job growth and the economy" - I was not born for the purpose of providing jobs to human animals and it is not my responsibility to make the economy better. It is also not kangaroos' role to provide jobs and elevate the economy. Kangaroos have just as much right to live free from harm as we humans do. Please, leave them alone.