

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

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I have no understanding of Australia's hatred and lack of respect for kangaroos nor of our belief in a right to use and abuse them in any way we wish.

The shooting of kangaroos is cruel, unhygienic and unsustainable. In Victoria it is poorly policed. I have personally witnessed the guts and heads left behind in the paddock after a kangaroo harvest. I have also personally witnessed proof that a large percentage of the kangaroos have not died from a shot to the head.

Living in an area inhabited by kangaroos absolutely I see less of them locally than I have in the past. I travel hundreds of kilometres across Victoria for horse events and see no kangaroos at all.

If we continue to cull kangaroos there will be none left in the wild. I have personally witnessed the smallest of kangaroo joeys shot by farmers and hung on the back of a Ute. I have trouble living in a society with such little regard for the creatures we share this world with and such shortsighted selfishness about the importance of these creatures that lived sustainably for thousands of years before settlement of European cultures.