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

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To Whom it may concern,

Millions of kangaroos are killed each year in this country and many are injured from shooters. There is a code of practice that shooters are required to adhere to. I would like to know how this 'code' is enforced? How do we know this code is even being adhered to? How do we know these shooters are not drinking on the job? That's right we don't. Also why is this code only asking for the minimal standard? If there is not a higher standard of animal welfare asked for then one can only imagine the unnecessary suffering this must permit.

There also should be acknowledgement that young kangaroos not only feel physical pain but they also feel emotions and are at least fearful if not terrified.

We have lost millions of kangaroos to bushfires in the last year that have claimed the lives of many kangaroos.

So as the killing of millions of kangaroos happen each year for the profit of this industry, many would agree that this is ethically twisted in itself so then at the very least there should be an enforcement code and one which recognises that these animals suffer both physical and emotional pain. They are sentient. How is it acceptable that shooters are allowed to bash a Joey or decapitate them? How is this considered acceptable practice? Community sentiment is catching up on animal welfare and this industry will be exposed.

Yours sincerely,