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**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF  
KANGAROOS AND OTHER MACROPODS IN NEW SOUTH  
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Historical/Long Term Health and well being indicators of Kangaroos and other macropods at the local,bio-regional and State Levels.....My witness to/of in this particular local area,also speaks to bio-regional and State level ,depletion ,loss and extinctions,as no area ,exists in isolation from others....edge effects flow on from environmental devastation.has effects .. at all trophic levels ....and sub-terranean.I live in a rural regional area and can attest to the losses, diminishment ,not only of Kangaroo(predom Eastern Grey...and other Macropods,but of many other threatened,endangered indigenous species including Koala.....over the previous 40years....holding the same property for the previous as a Wildlife Refuge,est 1978 ,the previous 17years as Rehabilitation and release site,for all native wildlife ,and licensed Wildlife carer ,with

It is becoming increasingly problematic,with surrounding lands ,undergoing sub -division ,Though nearby to State Forest Reserve,and Kumbatine National Park....All Kangaroo and other macropods are increasingly impacted,by land modifications ,construction of wildlife exclusionary fencing,by private land holders,and agricultural holdings....across known traditional paths ,tracks and trails....with no acknowledgement or attention to the harm ,injury and death they are causing ,by their almost instant construction ,forcing Kangaroo and other macropods onto roadsides and into dangerous circumstances....these fences are not only blocking ,but act as injuring ,killing debillitating to Kangaroo and other macropod ,remote , unmonitored traps .....as this Wildlife Refuge previously a release site is no longer safe to release from....shooting on surrounding properties ,has and continues to take place...in a sporadic and unmonitored fashion..unregulated,over several years,I attempted to educate ,have policed by those responsible Authorities,having found at various times,in various locations ,dumped ,mutilated bodies of Kangaroo and other macropods.,also those left by persons who had trespassed to ,shoot rescued ,rehabilitated and reared Kangaroo...and other Macropods...on this property and locally ,though some interaction with variously N.S.W. Police,Firearms Licensing Authority ,N.P.W.S. other regulatory authority Rural Detectives...No action was taken ,I have evidential material available on request ,at the time this was so personally traumatic...distressing beyond belief.not just for myself ,but i witnessed first hand, over time ,the traumatic roll on effects ,these unnecessary deaths had on the immediate families /offspring /close Kangaroo,families and those of the other macropods(Red Neck Wallaby}Their sentience is unquestionable.,undeniable...I do not wish to revisit the epic fail of various Government Departments who I believed were ,investitured,to protect All Native Wildlife ..Clearly the killing and injuring of members of a group of Kangaroo and other macropods,is traumatising ,and debilitating to surviving members of the group for a long period of time ,and may never be recovered from.This circumstance ,if extrapolated across bio-regional,and N.S.W. generally ,over the previous 20 years is indicative there are far more unseen /unchallenged /unknown deaths of Kangaroo and other macropods...far in excess than that which is known.There are local extinctions occurring,more deaths and injuries,without respite,caused by the fact there is increased populations of humans ,in possession of weapons,guns,archery equipped and a willingness to use them indiscriminately and illegally against Kangaroos and other macropods.I have seen an increase in younger aged Kangaroo and other macropods being killed injured by motor vehicle impacts on local roads ,where ridiculously the speed limits are an unsafe 80km ,in basically built up semi rural gravel and macadam roads area.Whilst rescued orphans from such events ,are registered through the wildlife org,as one ,the deceased mother is not,in pouch joeys(unviable joeys )plus potential in stasis embryo ,thus extrapolated over 20years,the figures for Kangaroo and other macropod deaths could be

quadrupled....for each living rescue.....Plus the unrecorded deaths of males ,or indeed when no rescue occurs nothing is recorded no matter the number of deaths...I attempted to address this with the wildlife org of which I am a member to their direct refusal ,in around 2015,from that time I have where possible made photographic record of roadside deaths of Kangaroo and other macropods which I have on file,and can provide if requested.... The Accuracy with which Kangaroo and other Macropods are calculated when determining population size, and means by

which health and wellbeing of populations are assessed.....I suggest the statistical information the gathering and calculations ,based therein that the basic premise of those statistics,or that initial information in which they are based is fundamentally flawed,given the previous information as provided...Temporary transient forced migration from human impacts ,incursions ,shooting ,these populations are cumulative ,fleeing ,Kangaroo and other macropods from places where they can no longer be in safety and sanctity,must result in similar circumstances to human refugees for ,similar reasons ,wars being waged and bullets flying....merely temporary and cumulative populations are increased ,not reproductively,simply by numbers of those already in existence... In common with human refugees ,who can temporarily accumulate in seemingly large numbers ,whilst awaiting dispersal and relocation to safe places as are available to them,as provided by care organisations ,or Governments...Kangaroo and other macropods have no such courteous treatment offered them ,when misinterpreted as not cumulative ,and population increase there is a propensity to label Kangaroo and other macropods as pest,and a job the mercenary vested interests , with no reference to the causative reasons ,of of climate extremes,dought,holocaust fires,floods,human built infrastructure land clearing ,exclusionary fencing,Roads ,major and minor,mining and on it goes, the not inexhaustable list of why Kangaroo and other macropods are too few in their numbers and populations,in need of immediate,protection, cessation of killing for any reason ,across their various niches and places to which they were exquisitely and uniquely evolved to occupy and caretakers of that land...in all those geographic ranges across N.S.W.....Thankyou for accepting my submission to the N.S.W. Parliamentary Inquiry ....