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

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I am deeply saddened and disturbed about the treatment of kangaroos in NSW. Kangaroos are a native animal and a national icon and yet they receive little protection under NSW law.

I cannot understand why the kangaroo commercial quota was increased after the devastating bushfires of the summer 2019-20, when thousands and thousands perished. A kangaroo count was not even undertaken, before the quota was increased.

I find it unbelievable how easy it is for landholders to obtain a 'license to harm' to enable them to kill kangaroos on their property. Over 200,000 kangaroos were allowed to be killed in NSW under this scheme after the bushfires.

The treatment of joeys is heartbreaking, the 'code of practice' for pouch joeys states that they are to be killed by blunt force trauma, by hitting them against the side of the ute or stomping on their skull. The joeys that escape, often starve to death without their mothers care. This really is the stuff of nightmares.

Kangaroos are shot at night, in the dark and from a distance. It is impossible for all shots to result in a quick, instant death. Many kangaroos are wounded and endure a long painful death that can take days or weeks.

This all takes place at night in the dark and is unknown by the majority of Australians. A light needs to be shined on this industry. The NSW public needs to know this is how our kangaroos are treated and then they can decide if this is a fitting way to treat a beloved native animal.