

**Submission
No 370**

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

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I have no personal experience of any of the issues of the inquiry, but I believe I have every right to make a general submission, so that my feelings are known to the inquiry.

I am aware of the plight of koalas as there has been voluminous media coverage of their position, but there is little publicity of the plight of the kangaroos and that is a pity.

It does not take a genius to figure out that if wild animals are hunted for sport, deprived of habitat, water and food access, separated from their kin, then they will be exterminated.

The treatment of Kangaroos with millions being killed for dog food and skins will cumulatively exterminate them. I am aware that there is a movement in the USA to ban Kangaroo imports to help from extermination in our country. A fine state of affairs when another country tries to do what our authorities in this will not.

The gradual desecration of our environment and the treatment of our wildlife is a disgrace and it must stop or there will be nothing left worth having.

The kangaroo is on Australia's national symbol. But our country does not appreciate them. Government policy betrays kangaroos and has played a strong role - in partnership with agriculturalists and landholders - to destroy kangaroos in NSW. Policies to save kangaroos from cruelty and destruction must be enacted and/or strengthened.. The plight of the kangaroo is now dire and it's a direct consequence of the exploitative practices of the agriculture industry. Unless substantial changes are made to agricultural practices, the rapid decline of kangaroos in NSW will continue along with the rest of our natural heritage, and future generations will reflect on our generation's behaviour with disgust and shame.

Thank you,
Albert Martin