

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

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Addressing the terms of reference:

- (a) Australia has a very poor reputation in terms of caring and looking after its native wildlife – Australia has the highest rate of mammalian extinction in the world.
- (b) Strongly question the accuracy or truthfulness of any scientific study that has been paid by the commercial hunting industry and or government body because it is biased and in favour of these entities and solely in the interest of stakeholders – being commercial hunting industry, farmers and governments (State and Federal), there is no overpopulation of kangaroos – their breeding rate and rate of survival of joeys are extremely low in comparison to other animals.
- (c) The threats to kangaroos and all native animals are all the factors listed from (i) to (iv) –all caused directly and indirectly by people, human overpopulation, development and farming of land where the environment is not suitable.
- (d) Absolutely object the policies outlined in respect to any kangaroo management by way of culling – whether licence or non licence killing / culling or otherwise of our kangaroos. Kangaroos are a keystone species, not a pest and therefore are as important to the Australian environment as water, air and native forests.
- (e) There should be no commercial or non commercial killing or culling of kangaroos as at any time an adult female may carry up to 3 joeys (at different stages of development - at foot and pouch joeys) let alone the sanctioning and killing of joeys at whatever stage of development. By allowing continued killing of kangaroos we are creating as a society monsters who enjoy killing and taking the lives of absolutely innocent precious life that deserve to be protected.
Why doesn't the industry / government count the 1,000,000+ at foot and pouch joeys that are killed by shooters as a waste product each year in their quotas and kill tallies? The death toll is much higher than we are being told.
- (f) Not addressed
- (g) Killing by landowners are absolutely and without doubt under reported – there is no inspection or compliance requirements and most farmers do not care about kangaroos, wombats or other native animals or for that matter the effect of poor farming practices on the environment. It is a joke to think otherwise.
- (h) Tell the public the truth about the actual numbers of kangaroos, the excessively number that are killed, the terrible treatment and cruelty of commercial and non commercial killing practices and properly educate from primary school and beyond especially in rural areas the human treatment of all living things especially our native wildlife and in particular kangaroos – please!

In summary

Kangaroos are a keystone species, not a pest.

Australia has the highest rate of mammalian extinction in the world.

5 million macropods were killed in the Black Summer Fires.

Over 3 BILLION animals died in the fires in the previous summer and much habitat was destroyed.

Kangaroos are an icon of Australia - we should be protecting not slaughtering them. They are the noblest of creatures yet is persecuted and massacred for money and a handful of jobs.

Kangaroos are our national emblem – Australia must be the ONLY country in the world that the Government by law permits and encourages the killing of its NATIONAL EMBLEM.