

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

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I have attached a sound file to this submission in attempt to provide a glimpse of what it is like living next to a property where kangaroos are shot and to put into context what I am going to say. It was recorded on the front porch one night.

My sister lives on a property which adjoins a property on which Kangaroos have regularly been shot. Both commercial and non commercial shooting has occurred, sometimes licences for both being current at the same time.

In the time that I have spent there I have witnessed the shooting and seen the impact of kangaroos getting trapped in fences as they try to escape, kangaroos wandering around days later with jaws shot off and joeys standing next to dead or dying mothers. There is a cruelty involved in this activity.

However, the focus of my submission is the impact that this activity can have on other people.

The owner of the property is a friend. He bought the property as an environmental project. His intention was to list the property with NPWS and run it as an eco lodge and eco training facility. I provided some funds to help develop that.

Shortly after purchasing the property shooting commenced. The property boundary is about 80m from the house. and the paddock on the other side of the house has often been the focus of shooting kangaroos. Shooting occurred at night without any notification. Shooting occurred close to the house.

This obviously meant that the property was unable to be used for the intended purpose as the comfort and safety of guests were compromised. The shooting has continued for years and authorities seem unable or willing to do anything about.

IT SEEMS THAT SHOOTING KANGAROOS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE REPOSE OR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF SAFETY OF NEIGHBOURS.

Why is that?????? What is it about shooting kangaroos that outweighs all other considerations.

There is a trauma involved in hearing gunshots. and when it occurs regularly, close to your house and for a number of years it is debilitating. Why is it that shooting kangaroos is more important than the mental health of neighbours.

The shooters are licenced and it is supposed to be safe, yet how can there be certainty. when lights are shone toward the property and kangaroos targeted along the fence Why is it that shooting kangaroos is more important than neighbours being able to move freely around their own property.

And all of this completely unannounced at all hours of the night. Why is shooting Kangaroos so much more important than anything else??????????????

I don't visit my sister very much these days. just short visits. I have a family. I can't take my 9yo daughter to visit for more than a couple of hours during day time. She would like to spend an extended time there and stay over night. Enjoy the environment, maybe learn a bit. But if we stay we risk the unannounced shooting and subsequent trauma. How can I risk exposing my 9yo to that.

Again i ask. Why is shooting kangaroos so much more important than any other consideration.