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

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## The Terms of Reference

 a) Historical and long-term health and wellbeing indicators of kangaroos, and other macropods, at the local, bioregional and state levels, including the risk of localised extinction in New South Wales.

I live in semi rural quiet area of North Turramurra next to a heavily forested valley. I have been living here for the past six years. In the first year of our moving here we were delighted to see a few times kangaroos visiting our backyard, beautiful wallabies and some other wildlife. But for the past four to five years it seems there are no kangaroos visiting us or any of our neighbours. It is so sad to see the population of kangaroos is zero in our neighbourhood.

h) Current and alternative measures to provide an incentive for and accelerate public and private conservation of kangaroos and other macropods.

In all the years (almost 30 years) in Australia, whenever we used to travel many years ago we would see kangaroos by the roadside or as roadkill but now not a sight of any kangaroo as we drive through the countryside. Hopefully, the Representatives elected by the people would consider it is high time to do something to take concrete steps to protect the roos. Such as

- a) A great Kangaroo National Park
- b) Protect kangaroo corridors
- c) Invest in regional tourism to view kangaroos in their native habitat.