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**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF
KANGAROOS AND OTHER MACROPODS IN NEW SOUTH
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Having driven through NSW in January 2020 my husband and I made extra effort to drive through scenic routes specifically to site see kangaroos in the wild as we are fond of all things nature, the wild and have a wildlife shelter in Victoria. We were both taken aback by just little we found, as we drove through for several hours our heart sunk. I recall how we were also concerned that not one of the many dams had a kangaroo drinking from it, as dusk even set in and was the more common time for wildlife to seek water, still there was nothing but one female kangaroo and her joey. It saddens me to think just what happened to the wildlife we were so used to seeing on previous road trips we have taken and I wonder what will be now that so much industry has been created around hunting them as it isn't sustainable seeing they are naturally found only in Australia are not and cannot be farmed and therefore provide for Australia let alone the world. In the last few years, we have learned that kangaroos do not have a joey until they are 3-4 years old, as per the orphaned joeys we raised and even then all 5 mothers lost their joeys to foxes within a 2 week span after the joeys started to become too big to get back in the pouch, were fully furred and 8-9 months old. oh, how sweet they were, running through the bracken only to burst out the other side in full glee of just being able to play. To say the least, they face enough adversity to even make it to maturity. The propaganda against kangaroos needs to cease as so does too the culling and better strategies need be implemented. We also have managed to successfully grow many vegetables, trees and native grasses on our property and found that caging only certain things was necessary. We always have plenty of grass however the neighbor we have with cows does not which is indicative of the fact that kangaroos do not harm the land like the propaganda spun dictates. Perhaps in dire circumstances where water has been taken from them, they'd eat anything that even resembled greenery but that goes for anything that is on death's door. In our experience our orphaned kangaroos, run with the wild ones and either do not touch one vegetable and just eat grass and hay. Thank you for your time,