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

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I am writing to express my concern about allowing commercial and recreational shooting of kangaroos.

In the summer of 2019/2020, we lost our family home in the worst bushfires this country has ever seen.

I grew up in the bush, My father worked as a wildlife carer at a local wildlife park. Growing up we often had injured animals to nurse back to health and release back into the wild.

Australia has unique animals found no where else on earth.
They should all have our protection.

The bushfires wiped out entire species and decimated healthy populations of animals. Australia is shamefully becoming one of the world leaders in animal extinctions- and that was before the bushfires!

One thing that stood out to our family when assessing the total annihilation of our 180acre property was the extreme lack of life.

Not a bird called in the trees.

Not a creature stirred.

Everything was dead.

Charred corpses of kangaroos caught on fences in their desperate attempt to escape.

Losing our family home and everything we owned was bad enough- but losing all that bush and all those animals was by far the worst thing.
It was heartbreak upon heartbreak.

Land clearing for development and farming has seen our native wildlife marginalised.
Lack of bush cover has forced them out.
Kangaroos are seen feeding beside roads as the runoff of water from the roads creates green pastures for them- but it also increases their possibility of being hit by a vehicle. Their numbers are falling as more and more humans encroach into their habitat. This is a sad reality.

Kangaroo slaughter industry is incredibly cruel. Babies are torn from their dying mothers and brutally beaten to death- this is an unfathomable cruelty and inhumane treatment of our native wildlife that features on Australia's coat of arms.
And all this cruelty to what end?; kangaroos are wild creatures, they are not farmed & regulated; their flesh harbours parasites that should not be consumed by human beings.

To even consider allowing commercial/recreational slaughter of kangaroos is utterly atrocious and barbaric. We have already lost so much.

We as Australians are better than this!!

Please do the right thing by Australia and ban all slaughter of native wildlife including kangaroos.

Please also look at investing in wildlife corridors and underpasses where our wildlife can move safely from one side of a highway to another. These have worked very well in other parts of the world and it is about time Australia caught up. In doing so you will also make the roads safer for motorists.

Please do the right thing by our wildlife.

Kind regards,