



7th December, 2021

The Hon Sussan Ley MP
Minister for the Environment
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Ley,

As you no doubt know we organised delivery of a copy of the NSW Parliamentary Kangaroo Inquiry report to your Albury office. Along with a beautiful framed picture of a kangaroo bushfire survivor, taken by photographer Jo-Anne McArthur.

We trust that the photo will hang in a prized location and we also trust that you have had a chance to read the key findings and recommendations of the inquiry?

We have attached a copy of the key findings and recommendations of the inquiry. As you will see the findings and recommendations are very damning of the NSW Kangaroo management plan.

We draw your attention to a couple of findings and recommendations that we feel are very relevant to your remit.

Finding 5

That there is a lack of monitoring and regulation at the point-of-kill during both commercial and non-commercial killing of kangaroos.

Recommendation 7

That the NSW Government request the Auditor-General to undertake a review of the Kangaroo

Management Plan's objectives in regards to how they satisfy the requirements of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth).

Recommendation 10

That the Natural Resources Commission review the current methodology for estimating macropod populations in New South Wales.

Recommendation 11

That the Natural Resources Commission establish an independent panel of ecologists to examine the scientific evidence for assumptions used in the Kangaroo Management Plan that refer to kangaroo 'abundance', annual population growth, the impact of migration on population counts and the attrition of kangaroos in drought.

Recommendation 16

That the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment collect and publicly release data on all joey deaths occurring in the commercial kangaroo industry, including in-pouch, at-foot, and joeys at-foot who have fled.

I am also attaching a link to the ABC 7.30 story that aired recently following the release of the Inquiry's report.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XM6WZCyiH5I>

Given the findings and recommendations of this inquiry. we think the current NSW management plan 2022- 2026 up for approval needs to be scrapped until an independent review of the NSW Management program is undertaken, as laid out in the inquiries recommendations. Including a review of how it satisfies the requirements of the EPBC act.

We ask that you consider the recommendations of the inquiry and take them into account when assessing any NSW Kangaroo Management Plan. This would include putting conditions on any approval of future management plans.

It is now clear that an urgent overhaul of how we treat and manage our kangaroos in Australia is needed.

We are happy to talk in more detail about this at a future meeting with you.

Many thanks

I look forward to your reply

Regards,



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Kangaroos Alive