



Attention: Manager, Conservation Research, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

I have reviewed the Draft plan and do not want to see the native kangaroos killed by gun shot. It personally feels wrong to me that killing a native animal is the best way to 'contain its numbers'. I took a significant liking to the options that are available to reduce the reproductivity based on fertility treatments via dart. The fertility treatment is the best long term solution to reducing the perceived negative impact to the grasslands by reducing the number of offspring. As mentioned within the draft plan, it is less common to see 'old/aged' kangaroos, therefore by minimising the opportunity for offspring through the fertility programs a long term solution can be found. This may be seen as a higher cost initially, however I consider the potential for long term benefits is too strong to deny. In addition this will tackle the problem and harm from the approach of just killing them.

The fertility options including a dart with the treatment, and or dart to tranquillise then inject the treatment is a humane approach to reducing the reproductivity. When sedated the kangaroo could also be tagged to identify the kangaroos that have received the treatment to those who have not.

I also hold extreme doubts as to the accuracy of the 'one shot' to the head of the kangaroos. Has studies been conducted as to the effectiveness of the killing program via one shot to the head or is it possible further gun shot wounds are located? However despite this, I really want to see the ACT moving ahead with the fertility options as the solution for the Eastern Grey Kangaroos.

