

To: [Environment](#)
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Manager, Conservation Research, Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate.

Dear Sir/Madam

It is vital that kangaroo welfare remain the number one priority with regard to management. We have a serious responsibility to protect this unique species so necessary for the biodiversity of our country. The kangaroo is also close to our hearts as an iconic national symbol and a rare creature of international significance.

The annual kangaroo massacre in the ACT is very disturbing. Young eastern grey kangaroo joeys are being bludgeoned to death in increasing numbers during this annual cull. In recent culls, about 40% of kangaroos slaughtered had pouch young who were bludgeoned to death. This is not morally acceptable.

It has been estimated that the kangaroo population in this area may have declined by half, mostly due to human-related habitat pressure. Locals and tourists alike enjoy seeing roos grazing and they can co-habit peacefully with humans.

The science shows that culling kangaroos is unnecessary because their population grows to carrying capacity of land and stabilises. Females cease to produce young in times of drought.

Massacring defenceless kangaroos is damaging our reputation and making us appear barbaric. We should put that energy into supporting and improving impoverished habitats of threatened species: let's take positive steps rather than vilifying & annihilating one species.

We should proudly protect these beautiful, sensitive, intelligent beings with whom we are fortunate to share our special country.

Yours faithfully,

