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Re: Draft Controlled Native Species Management Plan for Eastern Grey Kangaroos

Dear Dr Lane,

Landcare ACT represents over 60 community Landcare groups who are active stewards of the natural landscapes in the ACT and which have an interest in conservation of its native ecosystems. Members of urban Landcare and Parkcare groups also provide assistance in kangaroo counting.

The potential impact of excessive grazing by kangaroos on plant and animal species and ecosystems and the effect that such grazing can have through the increase in creation of tracks and opening up of landscapes, has been an issue of concern for community landcare groups over many years. The need for effective and humane management to maintain kangaroo populations as part of those landscapes while ensuring the ecosystem impacts are minimised, is recognised by members.

The draft plan provides comprehensive coverage of a complex issue. Landcare ACT also notes that it facilitates an integrated approach by addressing rural and unleased lands in addition to reserves. It is further noted that it commits to the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies for Non-commercial Purposes.

Landcare ACT therefore fully supports the draft controlled native species plan and the science-based approach to management as a model for addressing the wildlife management challenges of the “bush capital”.

Yours,

Chair, Landcare ACT

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