Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find my submission of objection to the *The Draft controlled Native Species Management Plan 2017*.

Sincerely,
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**RE: The Draft controlled Native Species Management Plan 2017**

I write my submission objecting the Kangaroo management plan, please see the points below.

Firstly, I believe that the extreme measures that are being taken to lower the number of the Eastern Grey Kangaroo is incredibly unnecessary not to mention cruel, Kangaroos maintain a healthy well balanced eco-system. They are a native species and therefore should not be in any way ‘controlled species’.

I believe that managing kangaroo densities through culling is not an appropriate method of management in 21st century and recommend that ACT Government undertake an alternative decision based on an adequate research and with an appropriate community consultation.

I disagree against declaring the Eastern Grey kangaroo a ‘controlled native species’ and thus the Controlled Native Species Management Plan in its entirety. I believe that the ACT Government had not addressed alternative research re grazing impacts of the kangaroo on grassy eco-systems and eco-system function. I argue that kangaroo grazing does not have a destructive impact on biodiversity.

I argue against the ACT Government claim that kangaroos have no significant predators. They not only have predators such as red foxes and eagles and are impacted by the climate change, cars and urban development particularly.

I argue the ACT government has not given the community sufficient time to address the proposed Draft Controlled native Species Management Plan, giving only six weeks to be able to extensively research not only the additions in the newest proposed Management Plan but Kangaroo Management Plan of way back 2010 upon which this one is based. It is arguable that this is not enough time to do the extensive scientific research required to submit to this proposal. I recommend the government put the introduction of the Draft Plan on hold and extend the date for community consultation and submission.

I argue the ACT Government has still not addressed alternative research and that the ACT Government have a transparent discussion around the alternative research re grazing impacts of the kangaroo on grassy eco-systems and eco-system function. I argue that kangaroo grazing does not have a deleterious impact on biodiversity These points have been used by the government as part of their ‘evidence’ for culling and fertility control as tools of kangaroo management. I would like the alternative research to be addressed, which counters the science used in both the 2010 Kangaroo Management Plan and the current proposed Draft Controlled Native Species Management Plan.

I address the issue of kangaroo habitat and argue the kangaroo habitat is plentiful and that the issue the government addresses further in the report (that of fragmentation and alienation) are equally a problem for the kangaroo as much as any other wildlife. I address the issue of environmental impacts and argue against the ACT government claim that kangaroos have no significant predators. They do have significant predators, in the form of red foxes and eagles, but climate change, cars and urban development particularly. Urban development and commercial development and its deleterious effect on kangaroo populations and take this into account in the planning stage to ensure good welfare outcomes for the kangaroos which doesn’t include culling because culling is not a good welfare outcome for kangaroo populations.
I address the issue of alienation and fragmentation of habitat and recommend that the government manage the 'types and intensities' of land used as a method for conservation of endangered species instead of focussing on management of kangaroos.

Looking forward to hearing from you,