

## Wildlife Act Review

### Submission Comment 231:

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#### Primary interests:

- Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat

#### Comment

The brutal, violent and corrupt exploitation via the “culling” of Kangaroos in Victoria must stop. More kangaroos are now subject to open slaughter since December 2020 when Victoria opened a full Commercial Kangaroo killing industry, including human consumption. There is no limit on small weight / size. Joeys of every size are being shot and hung up on hooks (I have photos of this) Their tiny bodies to be sold for their skins and their meat to sell as dog and cat food (introduced animals, in the main, that kill our native wildlife). Completely monstrous for the government to be sanctioning and obviously facilitating this killing of our national icon. The numbers the State Gov claim to be allowed to be killed will exceed the number of roos actually in Victoria, but then that is the plan isn't it? If anything ATCW's will likely no longer be sought by landholders as this new system doesn't require a Permit nor any requirement to state damage mitigation as reasons for killing our Kangaroos and Joeys. This new system means that Kangaroos are effectively unprotected in Victoria. The Office of the Conservation Regulator has no role or oversight regarding cruelty or any other aspect of the industry. It is set up this way deliberately for two reasons, to incentivise landholders to use the easier, no permit needed, pathway and hire commercial shooters, rather than doing it themselves under ATCWs and then to spread the governance or oversight out over so many departments (GMA, DJPR, DELWP) and agencies that it is impossible to have transparency on what is going on. Stop this government run atrocity against our primary native animal. It is not remotely sustainable and only a small amount of people make any money from it. The plan seems designed to eradicate Kangaroos from Victoria. Australia, including Victoria, is the leading exterminator of our mammal species on the planet and Kangaroo Macropod killing is the largest annual slaughter of land based animals in the world.

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