

## COALITION OF ANIMAL PROTECTORS

### PRESS RELEASE

The newly formed Coalition of Animal Protectors (CAP) is concerned that recent media coverage of the kangaroo carnage on the roads of the ACT and surrounding NSW could be a prelude to the ACT government's next decision to kill thousands of kangaroos in 2015.

Spokesperson Robyn Soxsmith explains, "We welcome warnings to motorists to drive more slowly and carefully in wildlife habitat – like the whole of the ACT. But we are always concerned that these warnings could lead to erroneous claims about kangaroo overpopulation, which the government can then use as an excuse for further culling.

"Road deaths, along with annual government slaughters in the ACT, commercial harvesting in NSW, killing by farmers everywhere, never-ending loss of habitat under new suburbs and roads, and climate change are going to drive this species to extinction within the next few decades," Ms Soxsmith continues. "But not until millions of individual animals have suffered frightfully in the mean time."

CAP is comprised of activists from various animal protection groups who watched and patrolled the Canberra reserves during this year's kangaroo slaughter. They used their physical presence to prevent the slaughter of as many animals as possible. They believe that they saved some 450 kangaroos through this action in 2014.

CAP first went public with a press release condemning unequivocally the alleged vandalism at the ACT rangers' stations during this year's kangaroo slaughter. The group vows that it will continue its work of directly and physically intervening to protect and rescue individual kangaroos and other animals, all year round.

"But we will also work to inform the public of the facts about kangaroos. We will be especially vigilant in monitoring media articles implying that the cruelty of the road toll is somehow a justification for the further cruelty of the ACT's annual slaughter," Ms Soxsmith concludes.

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