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PREAMTURE ENDING OF SLAUGHTER – A RELIEF AND A TRAGEDY

Kangaroo cull protestors on Canberra's reserves are relieved that this year's massacre has ended 24 days and 500 kangaroos short of its target, but have no doubt of the reason: there were simply not enough kangaroos left on the reserves, after years of unremitting slaughter, to meet this year's preposterously high quota.

Protestors who were present on and around the reserves throughout the slaughter claim that, over the last few weeks, the government's hired guns have been shooting on unleased government land that was not included in the government original license. The shooting took place without any signage to warn the public that it was going on.

"As usual their counts were wildly exaggerated. For the last few weeks, it has been clear from the amount of shooting going on outside the reserves that the government was unable to meet its slaughter targets on the reserves," CAP spokesperson, Robyn Soxsmith observes.

Protestors are especially saddened by the government's claim, if it is true, that the government met its slaughter target at Callum Brae.

"We had a watch there every night and we managed to stop shooting there on at least three occasions. But we knew they must have had worked around us by the dozens of orphaned at-foot young lining the streets surrounding the reserve, waiting, baffled and terrified, for their dead mothers to claim them, and meanwhile getting smashed on the roads," Ms Soxsmith said.

"Unfortunately, we think the only reason they were able to get their quota at Callum Brae is because we managed to save so many there last year. There were more left to kill."

Ms Soxsmith adds, "That is, of course, if they haven't simply lied about where they were shot. Some of the quota of those allegedly killed at Callum Brae could easily have come from the dozens secretly killed on the Wanniasa Hills horse paddocks."

Despite the government's attempt to alienate the protestors from the Canberra community by endless unsubstantiated accusations of vandalism, the protestors remain committed to peaceful resistance to both the cruelty of the slaughter and what they believe can only be the planned extinction of the eastern grey kangaroo.

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