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BLOOD TRAILS SHOW CRUEL SLAUGHTER ON ISAACS RIDGE NATURE RESERVE

Photographs of blood trails found on Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve on Saturday morning after shooting occurred on the reserve on Friday night have been published on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alact/permalink/10155222464395211/>.

Animal Protectors Alliance (APA) spokesperson, Robyn Soxsmith observes, “The blood puddles are typical of those we have often seen following a night of kangaroo killing in the ACT. They are clear evidence, if any more were actually needed, that there is nothing humane about the ACT government’s kangaroo slaughter. Animals that have been killed instantly do not leave trails of blood while they try to hop away.”

In APA’s recent submission to the government in response to the promotion of its kangaroo killing policy to a legal instrument, the group’s co-founder, well-known ACT animal advocate, Frankie Seymour, pointed out: “The entire legal function of a Code of Practice under ACT law, is to exempt from prosecution acts of cruelty that would otherwise be prosecuted under the Animal Welfare Act.”

The submission goes on to explain, “The kangaroo killing code the ACT government has adopted permits: pouch joeys to be bludgeoned to death; at-foot joeys to be orphaned and abandoned to die of hypothermia, dehydration, starvation, myopathy, fox predation and car strike; mob structure to be destroyed and survivors kept in a state of unremitting terror.”

The APA submission also demolishes, in great detail, the government’s attempt to pass off the slaughter as based in science and motivated by concern for the environment.

Animal advocates ascribe a very different motive to the government. “It is perfectly clear to us that the government’s only motive for killing kangaroos is pressure from developers. We see it again and again. The government wipes out all the local kangaroos, then up springs a new suburb or road or industrial development,” Ms Soxsmith explains.

“The oddest thing about yesterday’s blood trails on Isaacs Ridge is that there were already so few kangaroos left there to shoot. Perhaps the shooter was running out of time finding any kangaroos, and when he finally did, he got impatient,” Ms Soxsmith concludes.