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ACT GOVERNMENT SHOOTING RAMPAGE RISKS HUMAN LIVES AGAIN

Once again the ACT government has shown its complete disregard for human life as well as animal life, according to Animal Protection Alliance spokesperson, Robyn Soxsmith. The comment comes after many kangaroos were slaughtered by government hired guns at Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve last night.

Ms Soxsmith claims that much of the shooting took place dangerously close to the main road (Mugga Lane), and that no ceasefire was called, even when the shooters and rangers became aware that there were at least seven protestors on watch just outside the reserve - all of them easily within shooting distance.

Ms Soxsmith reminds the public, “Last year shooting took place on the Rose Cottage Horse Paddocks, overseen by government rangers. This shooting endangered many human lives. That shooting turned out to be both secret and illegal. The government’s own documents establish this during a recent trial. This year they have once again shown no regard at all for human life.”

Ms Soxsmith points out that, at that trial earlier this year, of a man who blew a whistle to alert rangers to a wounded kangaroo, the government prosecuted him on the basis that, even though he was well outside the shooting area, the officials had to stop the shooting while he was there.

Ms Soxsmith scoffs, “Oh dear, no, they couldn’t possibly shoot while he was there, even though he was outside the reserve. Yet, last night, they shot dozens more kangaroos while protestors were far closer to them than Chris Klootwijk was last year!

“The trouble is they are just so cocky now. The government ignores the facts about the cruelty and environmental vandalism of the slaughter, and the ACAT let them get away with it - three times! This shooting rampage puts human lives at risk, and the police let them get away with it. The ACT government simply believes it can get away with anything now, even murder.

“Tortured and mutilated kangaroos are found in government burial pits, terrified kangaroos fleeing the guns are found drowned in dams, dying on roads and crucified on barbed wire fences, hundreds of orphaned young at foot are abandoned to starve to death along the sides of roads. And the government just denies it all.

“At least a young kangaroo rescued last night has a chance of survival. But you can bet your life he won’t be released back at Isaacs’ Ridge. Thankfully, it is very easy to relocate eastern grey kangaroos!”

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