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Has anyone else noticed how many of the reserves of the Canberra Nature Park are now completely devoid of kangaroos? Not surprising since the ACT government has been killing them at a rate of forty per cent of the population per year, for the last seven years. The maximum annual growth rate of eastern grey kangaroo populations in the wild is about ten per cent, so the government has been removing the population much faster than it can replace itself.

If without kangaroos to manage them, the overgrown pastures of Canberra reserves survive the summer bushfires, kangaroos from outside the Canberra Nature Park and from surrounding NSW will probably move into the empty reserves just in time for this year's slaughter. If the government is true to form, it will estimate a thousand kangaroos for every ten present, and then slaughter every one they find.

The same thing will happen next year, and the next, until there are no more kangaroos left outside to move into the reserves.

Eastern Grey Kangaroos are already extinct across vast tracts of their former range. The NSW Government's recent biodiversity legislation is set to complete their extinction. The ACT used to be a refuge for kangaroos. Now it has joined the nation-wide conspiracy to exterminate them.

Extinction of kangaroos will mean that all the other threatened species which cannot survive without kangaroo grazing will also disappear. No doubt, the government will still blame the non-existent kangaroos for their loss.

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