



ACT GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM THE KANGAROOS NEEDS "CULLING" NAIVE

It is hard to believe anyone in the ACT is still naïve enough to believe the ACT government's claim that kangaroos need "culling". The scientific basis for the assertion has been debunked by virtually every independent environmental scientist who has ever looked into it, including the relatively independent CSIRO Plant Industries.

Now, with almost all of the ACT's kangaroo population gone due to drought (during which kangaroos stop breeding) and twelve years of relentless shooting, apparently the ACT government is once again planning to pay hired guns to shoot the refugee kangaroos fleeing into ACT reserves to escape the fires.

Less than 20 years ago, the ACT provided a refuge to kangaroos persecuted in surrounding NSW. The kangaroos repaid us with interest by managing the grasslands and woodlands to prevent wildfires (unlike cattle and sheep which destroy the land's capacity to endure any natural or unnatural disaster). Now the ACT has become a sink where even remnant populations are systematically exterminated.

We are already a nation in despair for the Australian government's lack of intelligent preparation for and response to Australia's climate change driven fires, and the heart-numbing death toll of our native animals. Yet into all this, the blinkered ACT government will blithely go ahead with its own extermination campaign. The government has no care for animal suffering, no understanding of the environmental holocaust which has now begun in earnest, and no sensitivity to the deep, desperate mourning of its own residents.

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