



## **INAUGURAL KANGAROO DAY - 24 OCTOBER 2020**

24 October 2020 marks the first ever World Kangaroos Day. This day celebrates one of the world's great icons and recognises the importance of kangaroos to our nation. Despite the kangaroos being such an integral part of Australian culture, they are victims of the largest terrestrial wildlife slaughter in the world.

Kangaroos Alive, the not-for-profit organisation behind World Kangaroo Day aims to rally support from around the world for a moratorium on the commercial killing of kangaroos - which continues to operate despite the unknown impact on kangaroo populations in the wake of the Black Summer bushfires.

Australians can sign the petition for the moratorium on the commercial killing of kangaroos at <https://www.worldkangarooday.org/>.

In the ACT, where there is no commercial kangaroo slaughter, an horrific scale of so-called "management" killing of kangaroos by both farmers and the ACT government continues every year. The government's annual slaughter proceeded this year despite the fact that many of the kangaroos killed were refugees from the fires, despite the CSIRO's confirmation that there is no ecological justification for killing the kangaroos on ACT reserves, and despite the hideous cruelty to orphaned joeys that is not merely permitted but required under the government's "code of practice".

With the whole world's attention now focused on Australia's treatment of its kangaroos, on a planet already experiencing the worst extinction event since the KT asteroid destroyed the dinosaurs, animal advocates are praying that the ACT Greens will withdraw from the ACT government's currently tri-partisan agreement to massacre the ACT's kangaroos down to dangerously low numbers every year.

The Animal Protectors Alliance, Animal Liberation and the Animal Justice Party will be supporting World Kangaroo Day by handing out information and promotional materials at Canberra Centre on Saturday morning.