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Standing Committee on Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity  
Legislative Assembly  
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Dear Dr Paterson, Ms Clay and Ms Castley,

I write on behalf of Animals Australia, a prominent national animal protection organisation, to endorse and reiterate an important recent request by colleague groups related to the ACT's kangaroo management. Our organisation, along with all community-based animal protection organisations, are gravely concerned about the ongoing 'culling' of kangaroos and urges you to seek a humane and enlightened approach.

I have been provided with a compelling submission made to your Committee by the *Animal Protectors Alliance*, *Animal Liberation ACT*, and *Save Canberra's Kangaroos*. It requests the Committee thoroughly examine all matters relating to the ACT government's kangaroo "cull", and to report publicly on your findings. We hereby formally and strongly endorse this request.

The matters raised in the submission – the flawed and thus exaggerated counts of kangaroos, the inaccuracies in the government's scientific assertions, the suffering caused to the kangaroos, the risk to human life and wellbeing, and the misleading public information – really do merit prompt and thorough investigation.

We know that this is a matter of deep concern to all Australians. Kangaroos are already under enormous pressure nationwide as their habitat is eroded, as commercial shooters find it ever harder to source enough kangaroos to fill their quotas, as farmers, under pressure from a rapid succession of extreme weather events, are also permitted to add to the population pressure by killing kangaroos and other native animals seeking sustenance.

In addition to the cruelty to both targeted kangaroos, dependent joeys and their mobs caused by the annual killing program (both in the ACT and across our country), we are very concerned that the pressures on surviving macropod populations risk their sustainability. Surely no animal species can survive this scale of ongoing persecution in the face of further land clearing, commercial killing, and all that (human-induced) climate change is throwing at this country.

I urge you to undertake the requested examination, ensuring that all the issues raised in the submission are fully addressed.

Yours sincerely,



**Glenys Oogjes**, CEO