



Documented incidents of dangerous behaviour by government officials, including contracted shooters, during the ACT government's kangaroo killing 2012 to 2021

This history was compiled by Frankie Seymour, one of the eye witnesses to some of the incidents reported in this document.

2012

- Shooting continued on Callum Brae Nature Reserve while protestors were on the reserve within metres of the shooters (date not recorded).

2013 (commencement of shooting delayed till 11/7/2013 due to ACAT hearing)

- 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 25, 28, 30 July: shooting on Callum Brae Nature Reserve continued even when protestors used torches to indicate their close proximity to the shooters.

2014 (commencement of shooting delayed till 11/7/2014 due to ACAT hearing)

- 26 June: Shooting again occurred on Callum Brae Nature Reserve while protestors were present and making their presence known to the shooters and rangers using airhorns.
- 3 July: after a brief ceasefire, shooting resumed on Callum Brae Nature Reserve while protestors were still present and making their presence known to the shooters and rangers using torches and airhorns.

2015

- 24 June: Shooting took place on the Rose Cottage Horse Paddocks, rather than the adjoining Wanniasa Hills Nature Reserve, without any signage at all on the Macarthur side of the horse paddocks.

Signage on the Long Gully Road side was inaccurate, reading: *Reserve closed for shooting* - but the shooting on this night was taking place on the agistment paddocks, not the Reserve.

- Consequently, no one entering the paddocks from either side had any warning that shooting was taking place there on the paddocks themselves.

This shooting also took place within metres of the Centenary Trail which was open to the public and in use by dog walkers and cyclists, every day, late into the night.

Since the shooting on the paddocks on 24 June appeared to be both illegal and dangerous to the public, a protestor called the police.



The police, when they arrived, were misinformed by a ranger, who was present during the shooting, that the shooting was legal because the ACT Equestrian Association, whose horses were agisted on the land, had a licence to kill kangaroos.

The police believed the ranger's story, ignored the matter and the risk to the public, and went away.

When queried about it, the ACT Equestrian Association fervently denied having any such licence.

It turned out there was a licence (issued to Territory Agistment Pty Ltd who apparently manage all the ACT's horse paddocks), but that licence did not, in fact, include Block 1693 (the block through which the Centenary Trail passes) where the shooting took place on 24 June. Therefore the reported shooting was indeed illegal, as well as dangerous to the public.

The day after the government was alerted to the illegal shooting, Block 1693 (including that part of the Centenary Trail), was suddenly added to Territory Agistment's existing licence (LK2015760) (copies of licence including the amended version issued on 25 June are available if required).

After the change to the licence, no new signage was erected to warn the public of the shooting on the horse paddocks and the Centenary Trail. The risk to human life continued throughout the rest of the killing season.

- In the course of following up the matters relating to the dangerous and illegal shooting that took place on the RCHP in 2015, the Animal Protectors Alliance was informed by the ACT Ombudsman that the Ombudsman's Office has no jurisdiction to investigate the conduct of ACT public servants whose job is environmental management, even when their conduct is contrary to ACT law, and dangerous to human life.

2016

- May: Shooting took place on Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve within 30 metres of Mugga Lane, a busy road where vehicles were continually driving.

2017

- 16 June: Shooting continued after protestors used airhorns to alert shooters to their proximity at Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve.
- 16-24 June: Shooting occurred again on Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve within 30 metres of Mugga Lane.



- 23 June: Shooting was conducted underneath powerlines on Wanniasa Hills Nature Reserve.
- The new ACT Kangaroo Management Plan was declared as a Controlled Native Animal Management Plan, making it a legal instrument. This rendered the ACT government's annual slaughter exempt from any further appeal to ACAT on any grounds, including risk to human life.

2018

- 27 May: Shooting on Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve occurred again within 30 metres of Mugga Lane.

2019

- Shooting occurred again on Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve within 30 metres of Mugga Lane.

2020

- 20, 21 and 23 June, and 1, 21 and 23 July: shooting again took place on Isaacs Ridge Nature Reserve within 30 metres of Mugga Lane.
- 14-15 July: shooting continued at Callum Brae Nature Reserve even though protestors were close by and making their proximity known using airhorns.

2021

- 17, 19 May and 7, 11 June: Shooting continued on East Jerrabomberra Nature Reserve, after protestors alerted shooters to their proximity with torches and airhorns.
- 24, 25 May: Shooting continued on Farrer Ridge Nature Reserve even though protestors had alerted shooters to their proximity with torches and airhorns.

2022

- Routinely, throughout the observed killing at Red Hill Natures Reserve, 23 May to 28 June, the shooting took place in windy conditions, using red dot targeting in very cold conditions, within 100 metres of nearby houses, and within fifty metres (ie easy ricochet range) of the observers outside the reserve. Wind up to 10 kph affects accuracy of shooting, and the accuracy of red dot targeting is known to be significantly reduced in cold weather.