

Professor Stuart White
Project Director
THINKK, the think tank for kangaroos
University of Technology Sydney
PO Box 123
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3.12.11

Dear Professor White,

Re: Support for THINKK report 'The ends and means of the commercial kangaroo industry: an ecological, legal and comparative analysis'.

As you are aware, WSPA assisted with some funding of the THINKK report following reports of animal cruelty caused by commercial kangaroo killing and heightened international debate on this issue, demonstrating further research needed to be done.

The welfare concerns regarding this industry have been brought to WSPA's attention by a number of animal protection groups, academics and our supporters internationally. The Australian Wildlife Protection Council campaign *440,000 Joeys* is also now on its way through the EU process, calling for a total EU ban on the trade in all products derived from the commercial killing of kangaroos.

Sadly the findings within this report have shocked our organisation, and the cruelty endured by kangaroos is worse than anticipated. We were appalled to discover that every year over 800,000 young continue to die as collateral damage, and that 120,000 kangaroos may be miss-shot annually, thanks to the commercial kill.

Leaving orphaned young to die of starvation or predation would not be acceptable in livestock industries, therefore we should ensure this does not happen to wildlife affected by human activities.

WSPA agrees that the legitimacy of the commercial kill should be re-evaluated on the grounds of necessity and ethical considerations.

Overall this is a thorough report and we support the work being done by THINKK to help inform the debate on this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Borg', is written over a faint circular stamp or watermark.

Jessica Borg
Campaign Manager
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