

THE KANGAROO PROTECTION ACT

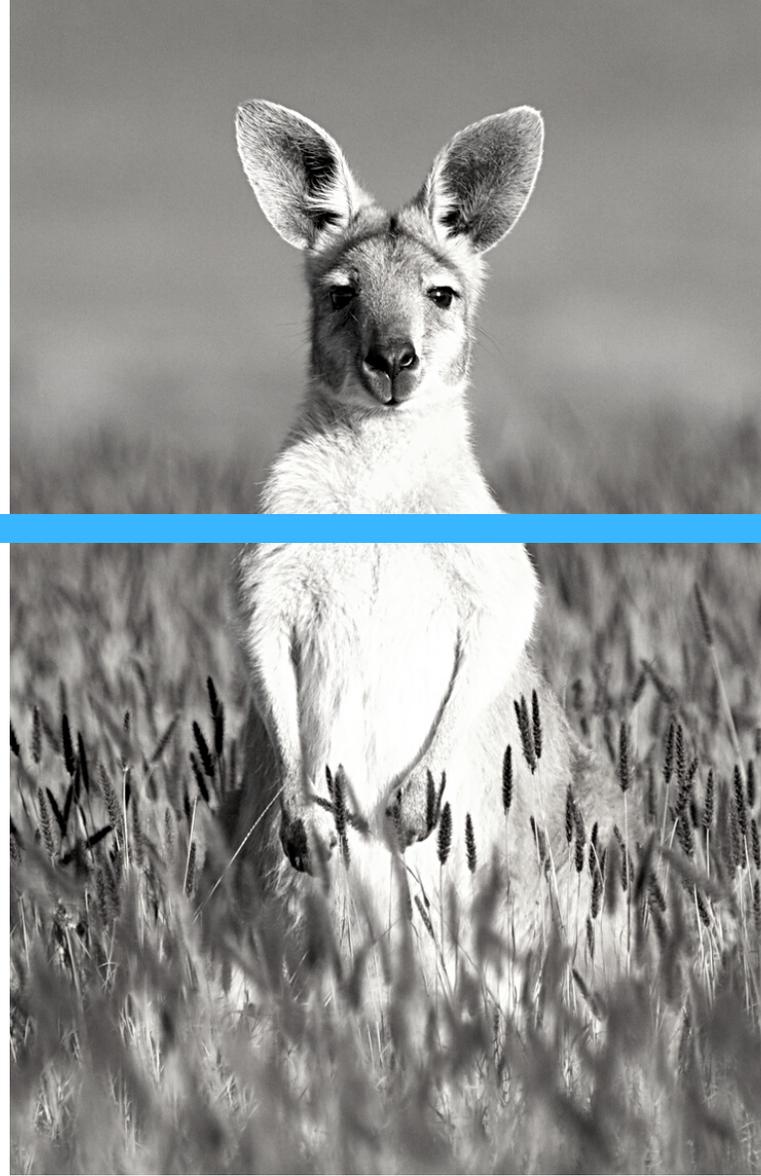
FACT SHEET

Every year, commercial shooters kill **2 million kangaroos** in their native habitats. This includes as many as **400,000 joeys** killed after being found in-pouch or at-foot of their slain mothers.

The Kangaroo Protection Act would prohibit the sale of kangaroo products, such as soccer and athletic shoes, in the State of New Jersey and end its complicity in the world's largest commercial mammal slaughter.

WHY WE SHOULD ACT

- The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation does not allow mass killing of wildlife in their native habitats for sale of their parts in global commerce.
- The kangaroo kill is 10 times larger than the notoriously cruel Canadian seal hunt. The U.S. bans imports of the pelts, and, for reasons related to cruelty to animals, we don't allow trade in harpooned whales killed by Norwegian vessels or slain dolphins rounded up in Japan's drive fisheries. The same standard should apply.



- Australia can manage kangaroos as it wishes, but the United States should not inadvertently finance kangaroo slaughter through trade.

AUSTRALIA'S COMMERCIAL KANGAROO KILL IS INHUMANE AT ITS CORE

- Australia's Commercial Code calls for joeys – **up to 400,000 each year** – found in pouch to be killed by blunt force trauma to the head, typically done by smashing the young animal's head into a truck bumper. Young at-foot joeys who flee are left to die of exposure, predation or starvation, without their mothers' protection.
- One study found as many as 40% of kangaroos were "mis-shot" and wounded. Some escape, but are not tracked and shot in the head
- There is no monitoring of the commercial industry in the field or at the point of slaughter. The shooting takes place at night, in the dark, in remote locations, where no one is watching.
- Australia's animal welfare groups adamantly oppose the commercial kill. Despite the governments frequent misrepresentations of its position, the RSPCA does not support the commercial industry.

KANGAROOS ARE INTEGRAL TO AUSTRALIAN BIODIVERSITY

- Over many millions of years, kangaroos have uniquely adapted to the grasslands and open woodlands, helping enhance habitat for other native flora and fauna.
- Ranchers who have introduced non-native species into kangaroo habitat make false claims of kangaroos overgrazing. **A kangaroo eats only 1/5 as much, and drinks 13% as much water as a sheep**, and eats only 1/60 as much as a cow.
- They are slow reproducing animals with the ability to self-regulate to existing resources, postponing fertility and fetus development as necessary.



A SHIFT IN CORPORATE MANUFACTURING

- While Nike and Adidas use kangaroo skin in some soccer cleats, they also make dozens of models made from lighter, non-animal-based fabrics. Already, their other categories of shoes, such as running, tennis, or basketball, are entirely free of kangaroo skins. Shedding all kangaroo parts is no hardship for the companies or for consumers.
- Puma has committed to stop using Kangaroo leather by 2025, while the fourth largest soccer gear company in the US., Diadora, stopped using kangaroo leather last year out of concern for cruelty and sustainability.

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