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Dear Friends

## Government data shows kangaroo numbers are crashing.

A discussion paper examining kangaroo data, biology and ecology has nominated the four largest kangaroos to the NSW Threatened Species list.

Read it at [www.kangaroosatrisk.net](http://www.kangaroosatrisk.net)

A nomination to the Commonwealth Threatened Species list has also been lodged.

### Did you know?

Eating kangaroo is not sustainable.

This is a myth successfully marketed by the kangaroo industry, and repeated by uncritical media and unknowing Australians. Kangaroo populations are trending seriously downwards.

Yet Australians put kangaroo on their plate, export kangaroo to 55 countries, and are lobbying Russia and China to import kangaroo.

Australians also feed kangaroo to their cats & dogs as fresh & tinned pet food.

Kangaroos are not farmed. Shooters kill whole wild populations, emptying rural landscapes.

### The government data [www.kangaroosatrisk.net](http://www.kangaroosatrisk.net)

- Government data shows kangaroo numbers have fallen by up to 90% in NSW harvest zones.
- “Plagues of kangaroos” is a myth. The data shows less kangaroos, with fewer than 2% remaining in some NSW Kangaroo Management (Commercial Shooting) Zones (KMZ)
- Actual counts are multiplied by up to **1,456 times** to create ever increasing “populations”. Shooters are allowed to kill nearly 5.5 million kangaroos in Australia this year – 2012, however it’s unlikely they will find this many to shoot.
- The shonky science of killing kangaroos applies to all Australian landscapes.

### The science [www.kangaroosatrisk.net/2-biology--population-ecology.html](http://www.kangaroosatrisk.net/2-biology--population-ecology.html)

- An average kangaroo doe will replace herself only once in her lifetime.
- Kangaroo populations cannot “explode”. They grow at around 10% and decline during drought.
- Yet industry researchers have claimed population growths of over **300%** and even increasing during drought.
- Kangaroos also die in “epidemic mortality events” after floods.
- We have not improved the environment for kangaroos. We have degraded it and introduced lethal threats to the kangaroo which have been operating across the landscape for over 200 years.





**What you can do** <http://www.kangaroosatrisk.net/summary--what-you-can-do.html>

Read [www.kangaroosatrisk.net](http://www.kangaroosatrisk.net)

**Do not eat kangaroo meat. Do not feed kangaroo to your pets.**

**Tell your meat suppliers, supermarkets and restaurants they are creating a demand for an iconic species at risk.**

Forward this email to your friends, family & colleagues in Australia and overseas.

Go to the **what you can do** page at [www.kangaroosatrisk.net](http://www.kangaroosatrisk.net), and:

- Support campaigns to stop the shooting of kangaroos
- Educate your politicians and environment departments and tell them to stop the shooting of kangaroos. Keep it short and polite. Refer them to the data and the science.
- Contact national and international governments and tell them why the export of kangaroo meat from Australia is unsustainable and should not happen. Keep it short and polite.
- Print the business card & distribute widely. Leave it at cafes and restaurants, and at events. Give to friends & acquaintances.
- Cut & paste the signature below and add it to your own automated email signature.

**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.**

**THANK YOU.**

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