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Dear Mr King

Thank you for your email of 11 November 2019 concerning the recent airing of 'Kangaroo – A love Hate Story' in Italy, and the subsequent campaign there calling for a halt to the import and use of kangaroo products.

The Australian Government takes the welfare of native animals seriously and remains committed to ensuring that the harvest of kangaroos is science-based, sustainable and humane. Commercial harvesting of kangaroos is conducted under state management plans which must be approved under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. These plans include annual harvest quotas which are based on regular scientifically robust population monitoring.

All four species of kangaroo commercially harvested for export are widespread and abundant and none are listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). No adverse long-term impacts on kangaroo populations have been identified after more than 30 years of commercial harvesting under state management plans. This timeframe has included several periods of severe drought.

All commercial kangaroo harvests must be carried out in accordance with the National Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos for Commercial Purposes (The Code). The Code outlines the standards of humane conduct regarding the shooting of kangaroos.

Further information on the role of the Australian Government in the regulation of sustainable commercial kangaroo trade is available on the Department of the Environment and Energy's website: www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/natives.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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