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~ Animal welfare ~

## IS IT BETTER TO FARM KANGAROOS THAN HUNT THEM IN THE WILD?

No. Kangaroos are not farmed but harvested from wild populations in an open range environment. This means they are free to live in their natural habitat and graze on the natural pastures and foliage of the Australian bush. These conditions are far better for the animals' wellbeing than a confined environment. Kangaroos are stunned and killed instantly using scientifically-proven humane methods.



## IS THE INDUSTRY CRUEL TO KANGAROOS AND JOEYS?



No. The management of abundant kangaroo populations is humane because it prevents mass starvation. The commercial industry has an obligation to minimise the pain and suffering to kangaroos. It strictly follows the advice of animal welfare scientists and experts as to the most humane methods for harvesting kangaroos and euthanasing young.

## WOULD KANGAROOS BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT THE COMMERCIAL INDUSTRY?

No. If there was no commercial industry, conservation culling would still occur to manage abundant kangaroo populations in certain areas. Scientific studies show that it would lead to an increase in unregulated and illegal shooting to reduce damage to pastoral land, which would result in poorer animal welfare outcomes for kangaroos.

