

Kangaroo Protection Act

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Commercial shooters kill as many as 2 million kangaroos in their native habitats. The kill includes up to 400,000 joeys found in the pouches or at the foot of their slain mothers. The Kangaroo Protection Act seeks to close a massive market that contributes to the world's largest commercial slaughter of mammals

Australia's Commercial Kangaroo Kill Is Inhumane at Its Core

- Australia's Commercial Code calls for joeys — up to 400,000 — 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.
- One study found as many as 40% of kangaroos were "mis-shot" and wounded. There is no monitoring of the commercial slaughter.
- Australia's animal welfare groups oppose the commercial kill.

Kangaroos Are Native Wildlife, Uniquely Adapted to Australia's Arid Landscapes

- Kangaroos have lived on the Australian continent for 15 million years and are specially adapted to its arid landscapes.
- Claims about adverse impacts on domesticated animals and the environment are grossly exaggerated. A kangaroo drinks one seventh of the water of a sheep and eats only 1/60 as much as a cow.

Major Athletic Shoe Brands Cease Sourcing Kangaroo Skins

- Responding to pressure from the Center for a Humane Economy's "*Kangaroos Are Not Shoes*"



campaign, major athletic footwear brands — including Puma, Nike, Diadora, New Balance, and Sokito — have announced policies halting the sourcing of kangaroo skins.

- In a significant development, Adidas and Mizuno Corporation have confirmed it will end its use of kangaroo leather in its athletic footwear.
- With Mizuno's commitment, the top seven athletic shoe brands globally have pledged to eliminate the use of kangaroo leather, marking a significant shift in the industry's approach to ethical sourcing and animal welfare.

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 U.S. should not contribute to this commercial slaughter through domestic sales of kangaroo parts.

The kangaroo kill is 10 times larger than the notorious Canadian seal hunt. The U.S. bans imports of seal 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 standards should apply to the slaughter of kangaroos in their native habitats.

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