A fresh opportunity for Canberra

A Canberra Liberals Government will:

Commission a Kangaroo Cull Independent Review



The Canberra Liberals will place a moratorium on the kangaroo cull and commission an independent review into the kangaroo management plan if elected next year. The review will investigate a number of aspects of the cull including counting methodology and possible alternatives, environmental impacts such as bushfire fuel reduction, and preservation of biodiversity.

KEY MEASURES:

- Place a moratorium on the kangaroo cull
- Commission an independent review into the Kangaroo Management Plan
- Stop the clubbing of joeys after mothers are culled
- Investigate all areas of the kangaroo cull to ensure it is conducted scientifically, ethically and in line with community expectations







Canberrans are uncomfortable with current practices that involve the shooting of kangaroos and subsequent clubbing of pouch joeys and joeys at foot.

The Canberra Liberals will put in place a moratorium while an independent review is commissioned to ensure any unethical treatment does not continue.

Many have also disputed the methodology used by the Kangaroo Management Unit to count the number of kangaroos, with population estimates from the ACT government referred to as 'highly questionable'.

The Canberra Liberals will ensure a thorough independent review takes place into the kangaroo cull and that the practices used are the most effective and in line with community expectations. An independent review will look at the current program and assess potential better methods while a moratorium is put in place.

Wildlife rescue groups need to be allowed greater flexibility to care for joeys and other injured or orphaned wildlife in the ACT.

The clubbing of orphaned joeys or leaving them to starve is abhorrent and hypocritical from Greens Environment Minister Rebecca Vassarotti who is responsible for the kangaroo cull program.

If the ACT Greens are at all serious about evidence-based measures when it comes to culling kangaroos they would have supported an independent review when the Canberra Liberals called for one in the Legislative Assembly.

The Canberra Liberals will ensure appropriate kangaroo management in the ACT.



