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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Nicole Lawder MLA: To ask the Minister for the Environment

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In relation to: Kangaroo Culls

1. Have kangaroos been declared feral, and don't have protection as a native species?

REBECCA VASSAROTTI MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The kangaroo is not declared feral. Kangaroos are protected as a native species under the *Nature Conservation Act 2014* (the Act).

The ACT Government has declared the kangaroo a 'controlled native species' under the Act. This declaration allowed the Conservator for Flora and Fauna to prepare a 'Controlled Native Species Management Plan'.

The Conservator released the controlled native species management plan for the Eastern Grey Kangaroo in May 2017, which can be found at <https://www.environment.act.gov.au/nature-conservation/conservator-of-flora-and-fauna/eastern-grey-kangaroo-controlled-native-species-management-plan>.

The management plan aims to:

- maintain populations of kangaroos as a significant part of the fauna of the 'bush capital' and a component of the grassy ecosystems of the Territory, and
- manage and minimise the environmental, economic and social impacts of those kangaroo populations on other plants and animals, grassy ecosystems and primary production.

The plan refers to kangaroo welfare, managing interactions between humans and kangaroos, managing kangaroo densities and managing captive populations. Strong penalties apply for killing, injuring, harming or endangering kangaroos without lawful authorisation.

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Signature:

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By the Minister for the Environment, Ms Rebecca Vassarotti MLA