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CANBERRA ROO CULLS: WHERE'S THE SCIENCE??

As shooting is reported to have started in Canberra last night, The Australian Society for Kangaroos is calling on the ACT government to publicly reveal the science behind their slaughter of thousands of kangaroos and joeys on public land.

Nikki Sutterby from Australian Society for Kangaroos announced: *"Around 10,000 kangaroos and their joeys have been killed on public land in the ACT in the last three years alone in the name of science, yet the ACT government has failed to provide any science to prove this is necessary"*.

"I have been through every reference in their Kangaroo Management Plan, and the ACT government has no credible science to support these culls, and the Canberra public deserves to know this".

In an ABC 666 radio interview with ACT Parks and Conservation district manager Daniel Iglesias last week, Mr Iglesias refused to answer questions about the number of kangaroos actually in ACT nature parks currently closed for shooting and how the joeys of shot females would be killed.

"Why wouldn't Mr Iglesias answer the question about the actual number kangaroos in these nature parks? Does the ACT government not know how many kangaroos are in the nature parks, or are they killing a significant proportion of the population and hiding this from the public," said Ms Sutterby today.

"Mr Iglesias also avoided questions about how the joeys will be killed this year. If he claims kangaroos have bred a lot, there will be a lot of joeys, and therefore a lot of joeys being killed. So we are looking at around 1000-1500 joeys being decapitated, shot and orphaned, on top of 3427 kangaroos this month alone. So in fact the ACT government will destroy close to 5000 kangaroos in public nature parks in Canberra this month in the name of science, but in the absence of science." said Nikki Sutterby today.

You can listen this 666 radio interview below:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2011/06/02/3233396.htm?site=canberra>

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The attached photo is of Piccolo. She lives on the outskirts of Canberra. Furless joeys just like her will be decapitated in the ACT nature park culls this year.

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