

Australian Society for Kangaroos

'Dedicated to the Victims of the World's Largest Wildlife Massacre'

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POLICE OFFICER GETS AWAY WITH MURDER

The Australian Society for Kangaroos and local Booral residents are outraged over the lack of action by RSPCA and Queensland Police over the barbaric and illegal shooting of over 20 kangaroos and joeys, and a cow by a Queensland Police Officer in December last year.

Police officer Bradley Hargreaves has received only an infringement notice for multiple breaches under the QLD Conservation Act and Animal Protection and Care Act for killing more than 20 protected kangaroos and joeys and leaving them to die in agony.

ASK made a formal complaint to the Queensland RSPCA against Mr Hargreaves in February for deliberately and illegally gunning down more than 20 kangaroos and joeys and leaving them to die in agony from their wounds, but the RSPCA has stated that it will not be investigating the case. Local residents made many gruesome discoveries the day after the massacre finding many kangaroos that were shot in the stomach and and pouch with no head shot, and joeys left alive in their dead mothers pouch. Some females carrying joeys were shot in the pouch and left to die along with their joeys who were shot through the pouch The joeys were found lying next to their mother in a pool of blood and would have died a slow and agonising death. Only a small number of the kangaroos had a head shot with most shot in the pouch and abdomen and left to die from their wounds. Three joeys were found still alive in their dead mothers pouch and suffering from hypothermia and shock. Local residents took the joeys to a local wildlife carer but they could not be saved.

"Local residents who were brave enough to come forward and offer witness statements to the RSCPA are outraged by the lack of action by RSCPA and Queensland Police and have lost all faith in these organisations and their claims to protect, All Creatures Great and Small".

"It is such an injustice when animals are brutally and callously killed and left to die in agony like this and the authorities fail to act. The inaction by the RSPCA on this matter has not only failed our animals, it has let down a community that valued and treasured those unique creatures. In our opinion the RSPCA and their inaction in this case has encouraged ongoing illegal acts of cruelty on our wildlife".

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