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ABSTRACT

There are heated debates in Australia for and against culling kangaroos. Understanding community attitudes to culling kangaroos is important for policy development, leading to better management of kangaroos and their impact on the environment.

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proponents may fuse cultural/political allegiances with attitudes to culling in ways that

undermine kangaroo welfare. Humans charged with wildlife management and decision-making should aim to make assessments that benefit wildlife as well as humans. Future research on decision-making should elucidate relationships between human interest and decisions and communication concerning animal welfare.

KEYWORDS: Social media public attitudes wildlife communication Kangaroos appraisal framework

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