



Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly

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Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (MPRA) is the peak representative structure that represents the interest of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in 16 communities across Western NSW. It is comprised of Aboriginal representatives from a diversity of regions across NSW. The MPRA objective is to improve and protect the best interests of all Aboriginal people in Western NSW.

The MPRA supports the commercial utilisation of kangaroos. The kangaroo industry provides substantial job opportunities for Aboriginal people. Many Aboriginal people are currently employed either processing or harvesting kangaroos and we see further growth in these opportunities as being important for Aboriginal communities.

The kangaroo harvest also makes an important contribution to animal and land management. Without the commercial harvest large numbers of kangaroos would either die of starvation during drought or be culled to protect agricultural resources. Both options are considerably less humane than the commercial harvest and importantly would see the kangaroo hides and flesh wasted. The MPRA believes utilising these animals shows them the respect they deserve and is consistent with Aboriginal thinking.

The MPRA recognise this and support further kangaroo industry development on this basis.

Yours Sincerely

William (Sam) Jeffries

Chairperson

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Bourke
Collarenebri
Goodooga
Menindee

Brewarrina/Ngamba
Coonamble/Wan-Gali
Gulargambone
Walgett/Gamiloro

Broken Hill
Dareton/Wentworth
Ivanhoe
Weilmoringle

Cobar
Enngonia
Lightning Ridge
Wilcannia