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19 August, 2011

The Hon Peter Walsh MP  
Minister for Agriculture and Food Security  
Level 20, 1 Spring Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Minister

Southern Grampians Shire Council is seeking support for processing of kangaroo meat within the State of Victoria and in particular South-West Victoria.

At present, the culling of kangaroos by licensed shooters is legal in Victoria but processing kangaroo meat is prohibited. It is Council's understanding that such processing is permitted in other States of Australia.

The concern for Southern Grampians Shire Council is that the inability to process meat for pet food or any other purpose denies the State employment and business opportunities whilst at the same time creating a waste and environmental issue. Without opportunities to process the meat, kangaroo carcasses are left lying in paddocks to rot. This poses issues of odour problems and increased feral animal and vermin infestation. In a world where available resources are finite and consumption rates are increasing, this is illogical, especially given that culling is permitted legally.

As you can see from the attached letters of support, surrounding Shires in the south west of Victoria support Southern Grampians Shire's policy position. These four shires collectively represent 22,942 square kilometres of rural land.

I urge the State Government of Victoria to reconsider its policy against the efficient and environmentally-sensible use of these kangaroo carcasses.

Yours sincerely

**Cr Robert Penny**  
**Mayor**



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24 October, 2016

Hon Jaala Pulford  
Minister for Agriculture  
Level 20, 1 Spring Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear Minister,

As you are aware, Southern Grampians Shire Council has been a strong advocate for the processing of culled kangaroo meat for pet foods.

Congratulations on extending and expanding the trial in Victoria. There are strong environmental and economic reasons why this should happen.

Firstly, the trial has created new jobs. In Hamilton alone for example, Victorian Pet food Processors have expanded their processing facility and employ an additional 8 people. They have also diversified with a retail outlet in Gray St selling roo meat for dogs and creating another 3 jobs.

Secondly, there are obvious environmental benefits brought about by removing culled animals that would have been killed anyway under wildlife control permits, from the natural environments. Leaving their carcasses can only support the viability of fox and wild dog populations which has a corresponding negative impact on farm animals and native fauna.

As you can see from the attached Council motion, Southern Grampians Shire Council would like to encourage the Government to implement a permanent policy change that enabled the processing of these culled animals for pet food. This can only bring certainty to the industry and support the economic and environmental gains from the trial.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael Tudball**  
Chief Executive Officer



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D/16/66925

15 December, 2016

The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP  
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
Level 17, 8 Nicholson Street  
East Melbourne VIC 3002

Dear Minister,

RE: KANGAROO PROCESSING INDUSTRY

Southern Grampians Shire Council has been a strong advocate for the processing of culled kangaroo meat for pet foods.

I understand that correspondence sent to the Minister for Agriculture's office by Council has been referred to your office.

Council commends the State Government on its recent decision to extend the trial in Victoria. There are strong environmental and economic reasons why this should happen.

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