

Roo report 'not credible, flawed'

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The ACT Environment Commissioner has binned a report that found kangaroo culls could increase the risk of bushfires in Canberra, after it was lambasted by other scientists.

The report from the Canberra Environment and Sustainability Resource Centre (CESRC) says kangaroos do not damage endangered grasslands and reduce the risk of bushfires by eating dry grass.

Professor Arthur Georges from the University of Canberra and Dr Lyn Hinds from CSIRO Entomology reviewed the report.

They found the paper is not credible because it is subjective, poorly structured and has major flaws in its logic.

The CESRC has withdrawn the report and apologised to Environment Commissioner Maxine Cooper.

Ms Cooper says the report was written by a university student instead of a scientist with expertise in the field.

"[CESRC] should have had in place quality control systems," she said.

Ms Cooper says her office will not be using any information from the report.

Environment Minister Simon Corbell says it shows the Territory's approach to kangaroos is based on good science.

"We bring a very rigorous approach to considering how to manage the issue of kangaroos in Canberra," he said.

"We use an evidence-based approach which is peer reviewed by scientists in the field.

"We we will use any material that is peer reviewed, does stack up in terms of being credible scientific analysis, to inform our policy.

"This just highlights that we continue to adopt that approach in tackling the difficult issue of kangaroos in our environment."

The CESRC has apologised to Ms Cooper and will refund the money it received to produce the report.

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Simon Corbell says the Government's approach to dealing with kangaroos is based on good science. (ABC News)

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