



Reaching for guns and poisons

Dear Editor, There are reports that the South Australian government may be considering culling koalas and other native animals. Once again, simplistic solutions are being offered to complex problems. Instead of considering the ecological breakdowns and imbalances that result from centuries of unsustainable land use, the politicians reach for guns and poisons. South Australian children, who recently witnessed corellas falling from the sky screaming with pain and with blood gushing from their eyes and beaks, will now see koalas, kangaroos and seals being shot, many to die slowly and in agony. "Culling", or what it should rightly be called, killing, doesn't work because as long as an area remains attractive, more animals will move in to take the place of those killed, or those who remain will breed more quickly with the increase in resources, creating a perpetual killing cycle. Lethal methods of species control are as inhumane as they are short-sighted – ecological harmony will never be achieved through the barrel of a gun. Mimi Bekhechi Campaigns Consultant, PETA Australia PO Box 20308 World Square Sydney, NSW, 2002 (+618) 8556-5828 mimib@peta.org.au

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