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Senator Rhiannon asked:

Which federal agencies carry any responsibility for ensuring that the federal Code of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos is adhered to?

Answer:

The two *Codes of Practice for the Humane Shooting of Kangaroos and Wallabies (Commercial and Non-commercial)* were developed with consultation from the Department of Agriculture, state agencies, NGOs, animal welfare groups and other stakeholders.

The commercial code underpins state government management plans which are approved under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* as part of export requirements. Compliance and enforcement with the commercial code is dealt with at a state or territory level and is considered by the Department of the Environment as part of the five yearly assessments of state kangaroo commercial harvest management plans.

The Commonwealth is not involved in the non-commercial harvest of kangaroos and wallabies.