**The logic of a cull**

Kangaroos are recognised as one of Australia’s most internationally known native animal. They are important for tourism and many Australians welcome them as neighbours.

A measured objection to the cull can be found at <http://crikey.com.au/2009/03/06/another-roo-cull-there-must-be-a-better-way/>

The ecological justification for the ACT cull can be found in this document: <http://www.envcomm.act.gov.au/data/assests/pdf_file/0010/169255/ocse_actgrasslandreport_0309_full.pdf>

The ACT document represents a detailed and logically argued strategy to protect the grasslands at the expense of some kangaroos and by using a number of other measures.

Search online for “Canberra Kangaroo Cull’ and examine some of the objections by the protest groups. For instance:

<http://www.kangaroolives.com>

<http://www.kangaroo-protection-coalition.com/canberrakangaroocull.html>.

What is the basis of the objections?

Are the arguments logical and valid?

What is the tone of the protest statements?

What language is used – are terms like ‘murder’ employed?