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PUBLIC URGED TO REPORT ARROW ATTACKS ON KANGAROOS

Following a spate of arrow attacks on kangaroos in Mount Ainslie, the ACT Government is appealing to the public to help catch the people responsible.

“Unfortunately rangers from Parks and Conservation Service have taken calls from members of the public in the past two weeks about kangaroos in Mount Ainslie which have been shot by a bow and arrow,” Stephen Hughes, Manager, National Parks, Reserves and Rural Land.

“While one was already dead, the other needed to be put down to end its suffering.

“It is very distressing to discover this illegal behaviour which, in addition to the suffering caused to the kangaroos, poses a public safety hazard.

“Mount Ainslie is a high use reserve which is particularly popular with late afternoon and evening walkers, joggers and cyclists.

“ACT Policing has been notified of the illegal activity. Together with Rangers, police will step up their monitoring of the area.”

A multiple number of offences could apply, including fines of up to \$22,000 and two years’ imprisonment.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or make a report via the website at www.act.crimestoppers.com.au.

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