

This is a submission to express my disappointment that the government has seen fit to set up ANOTHER commission of inquiry regarding koalas when the data is before their very eyes if they wanted to find it (see the Australian Koala Foundation for starters, which organisation has spent decades researching and proving the dismal future for koalas if no action is taken to protect their habitat). While governments and councils continue to approve “developments” in bushland and near koala habitats, what do they think they are doing? (The latest travesty being the Pacific Highway in northern NSW.) Give the koala a break and give the koala instant protection, including their habitat, without which they will not exist – along with numerous other species. We do not need another inquiry, we need action now (not after March 2017 if then) to ensure the koala remains a living creature well into the next century. As an added incentive for this government, think of the millions, if not billions, the koala generates for the tourist dollars!

I am shocked and sad that the NSW Government is so shabby about the protection of our environment and seems to have spent the whole time in office in systematically destroying all protection for our diverse and shrinking wildlife habitat. In short, we need action now to protect what we have.

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