

Dear Minister

I was hoping for advice on the NSW Government response to the Chief Scientist's Report http://www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/94519/161202-NSWCSE-koala-report.pdf

I am also keen as to what measures the NSW Government will support. I think a community consultation process is valid, but if at the end of the day, the Government has already introduced a weakening of Environment and Biodiversity Amendment Act provisions, and gives approval for coal mines and removal of trees, including for example for the widening of the Pacific Highway, then the Koala's fate is already sealed.

Is the Government going to introduce stricter measures to prevent the removal of trees? I see the Fed Minister for the Environment is working on removal of feral species. This seems like a good idea. But the key thing NSW can do through its planning laws is to prevent habitat being removed.

Kind regards
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