

Dear Minister Upton and Office of Environment and Heritage,

Please take strong action in this strategy and through SoS to ensure koalas are protected into the future.

Protection of habitat and koala trees must be central to any project designed to save the species . It is time for action , not more talk and studies . End native forest logging on public land, (much of it is at the taxpayers expense anyway , with woodchopping only existing with subsidies) improving protection of koala habitat in private native forestry, (no requirement for pre logging surveys and relying on developers to inform and take action will NOT save species under PNF , and allowing forests on private lands to be logged solely for commercial scale firewood is ridiculous in this day and age)) and ensure urban development does not wipe out koala habitat (there is a clear example at St Helens Park / Campbelltown) and reversing the worst excesses of self regulation changes to with the changes to our land-clearing regulations .

Please -no more greenwashing of government initiatives -take meaningful actions so koalas will survive into the future. If a government is not serious with such an iconic species as the koala , then no animal is safe. Habitat must be protected .The first rule of conservation is to protect what you have -not wait till its too late , or spend money on expensive restoration and reintroduction programmes.

Please stop with the rhetoric and take meaningful action or be forever blamed as the government who ignored the plight of the koala and accelerated its demise in the wild .

Sincerely,

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