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the protection of koalas is of paramount importance and koalas are a prime indicator of the sustainability of our ecology. I laud the NSW Govt for approaching this issue scientifically. However the recent NSW Land Clearing Bill is acting contrary to good habitat management principles. Koala colonies are already seriously threatened by urban and mining developments. This law now increases the probability of koala habitat being destroyed without serious consideration and virtually no assessment of koala populations on private land being used for farming. More importantly the Land Clearing legislation is acting contrary to best farming practices established following the devastating period of farmland salination and tree die-back in the 80/90s. Increased and uncontrolled land clearing was found to be the cause of a rural problem that was destroying koala habitat due to tree die-back. There is an inconsistency in govt policy here that makes this new policy approach appear as mere window dressing. By all means, collect and collate data on koala populations - they are notoriously difficult to count - but if any koala habitat policy is to be effective the first step is to adequately protect habitat and this means restricting land clearing and ensure adequate protections from mining and urban developments.

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