

Dear Minister Upton and Office of Environment and Heritage,

I am calling on you to ensure koalas are protected into the future, so that the world's favourite animal is not lost from NSW or anywhere else for that matter.

I urge you to implement appropriate measures to save koala habitat and cease native forest logging on public land. This not only improves protection of koala habitat in private native forests but preserves our delicate ecosystems so necessary for our survival as well. The Australian land is a delicate balance with an ever increasing susceptibility to climate change and it is stupidity itself to keep degrading it.

It is also monstrous greed by successive governments, a greed we, the general public are sick to death of.

Under the government's new land-clearing laws, WWF estimates we could see 2 million ha of koala habitat lost via the 'Equity Code'. The \$10 million earmarked to purchase koala habitat as part of your strategy will buy only 6,000ha of land on 2015 prices. From what I am told, ten farmers applying the Equity Code could clear this in a single year!!

I urge you to take meaningful action to save this beloved, iconic species, and, in the not too distant future, ourselves as well.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tuckwell, 