

Dear Minister Upton and Office of Environment and Heritage, Well isn't it just a hoot.....we know how to protect Koalas and other native wildlife, but hey can't have them getting in the way of a few people making some bucks can we. So what are you going to sell once all the native forest is wiped out?? Dust? We need to have a long term focus on sustainable industry, one of them being tourism....can't have tourism when we won't have any of our unique native animals left, oh but I suppose they can go to the reef – dang that's right it was wiped out by pollution from coal industry (such a sustainable money maker for the elite) Seriously it's not rocket science all it is is greed.

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.

The key to the survival of any species is protection of its habitat. I urge you to implement stronger measures to save koala habitat, including ending native forest logging on public land, improving protection of koala habitat in private native forestry, ensuring urban development does not wipe out koala habitat and reversing the recent changes to our land-clearing protections.

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. 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.

Sincerely,

Lyndsey Hatchwell 