

Dear Minister Upton and Office of Environment and Heritage,

I like koalas and do not want them to join the current wave of extinctions brought on by human activity.

The Baird government seriously weakened legislated protection of koala and other species's habitat by recklessly permitting widespread land-clearing. I urge you to reverse that disastrous policy and further to implement strong measures against the logging of native forests.

The World Wildlife Fund estimates that 2 million ha of koala habitat are threatened under the 'Equity Code', but your existing allocation of \$10 million for the purchase of habitat could only secure less than one third of 1% of that amount of land.

I respectfully urge that you break with existing destructive and dishonourable practices and take steps to protect the habitat of Australia's native wildlife.

Sincerely,

Miguel Heatwole