

The Hon Minister Upton
Minister for the Environment and Heritage NSW

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.

How can you call this a plan for survival when the clearing of native habitat has been given the green light?

Developers have no qualms about destroying koala habitat so they can make more money.

They can do this via clean and/or dirty donations to the right council and the right lobbyist.

Don't say it does not happen because it does. Look over the border in QLD.

Clearing of native forest is not appropriate in any circumstances when endangered native animals are living within the same ecosystem.

This country is looking to be a race to be able to destroy and cause the extinction of as many iconic native species as possible.

Strengthen the land clearing laws and restore the safe guards that are needed.

- The key to the survival of any species is protection of its habitat. I urge you to: implement stronger measures to save critical koala habitat in NSW including: ending logging of native forest on public land;
- improving protection of koala habitat in private native forestry operations;
- and to recognise and support the koala rehabilitation groups and the veterinarians who work with them to deal with the everyday consequences of these poor policies on koalas.

I urge you to take meaningful action to save this beloved, iconic species.

Sincerely,

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