

Hello , I would like to make a submission to the NSW Koala Strategy .

I think the main threat to Koalas is disease . Specifically 'Koala Retrovirus' or KoRV which is becoming integrated into the Koala Genome and therefore being spread from parent to baby in some populations. The reason why KoRV is the main cause of Koala decline can be seen in the fact that in the north (especially Queensland) of the Koala's range this disease is very widespread and therefore this is where Koala numbers have declined the most.

However on Kangaroo island KoRV is absent and in Vic it is rare and these are the areas where Koala populations are thriving .

Therefore , I think it is very important for some populations of Koalas to be quarantined from 'Koala Retrovirus' so that one day these populations can repopulate areas where Koalas have gone extinct because of 'Koala Retrovirus'.

This is my submission to the NSW Koala strategy.

your sincerely

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