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<p>We note that submissions regarding Koala Management close on 3 March 2017 in both Queensland and New South Wales and as it is practically impossible to find an address to send a submission to we are taking the liberty to write to you. Please bear with us, we are in our mid 70's.</p> <p>We feel that the figures regarding Koala conservation and populations are outrageous and that Australia and it's various governments, both past and present, should be ashamed at the lack of action regarding the Koala, one of the greatest assets for the tourism industry for the whole country.</p> <p>We note that in 1995 there was estimated to be a population of 30,000 Koalas in Queensland and now 22 years later we are advised that the Koala is functionally extinct in the state. This is really an appalling situation and it appears that even now at the 11th hour, very little is being done about it. There seems to be some inability on the part of Government and Local Bodies to curb the developers and while we know that growth and development is good surely it shouldn't be at the expense of a species, and the Koala is only the tip of the iceberg as the wholesale destruction of habitat affects many other species, avian, mammal, reptile and insects. This destruction of habitat also seems to be without rhyme or reason and town planners seem to be incapable of selecting appropriate areas for appropriate pursuits. In fact, one is left to wonder who employs town planners? Councils or developers.</p> <p>We have lived in the corridor between Logan and the Gold Coast for the best part of 30 years during which time we have seen valuable wild life habitat mown down with scant regard whilst vast tracts of land which is unsuitable for anything but housing and industry have been left undisturbed. Surely some level of Government should be able to put provisos and restrictions on developers which should then be policed. Developers should be forced to leave nature corridors and reserves which should be fully fenced against wandering dogs and that keep Koalas confined. We realise that this could cut down the profits for many developers but really, it is their greed and Government inaction that has got us to this parlous position.</p> <p>We would ask you to seriously consider the plight of the Koala, indeed, the plight of all Australian wild life, and put aside politics and ask yourselves, "Do I want to be remembered by my Grandchildren as the person who presided over the extinction of the Koala."</p> <p>We remain proud and compassionate Australian environmentalists – and realists.</p> <p>Very Sincerely,</p> <p>Annette &amp; Chris Schnack.</p>	