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SIGN-ON SUBMISSION FROM CONCERNED CITIZENS

Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Parks Association of NSW Inc (NPA) has run a supporter action urging citizens to sign a short statement calling on the NSW government to protect koala habitat in order to protect koalas. The text of the statement was:

Dear Minister Upton and Office of Environment and Heritage,

I am calling on you not to shirk your responsibility to protect koalas. Protection of habitat is the first, and most important, step to protecting a species. It is vital that you urgently implement stronger measures to save koala habitat, including:

- 1. Creating the Great Koala National Park in the Coffs Harbour hinterland, which would protect approximately 4,500 koalas and some of the most important populations in NSW*
- 2. Creating new National Parks in every koala management area to complement the SOS actions*
- 3. Ending industrial native forest logging on public land*
- 4. Ensuring that koala habitat is not subject to clearing under the new Biodiversity Conservation and Local Land Service Acts*
- 5. Improving urban design and planning so that humans and koalas can coexist*

Koalas are in trouble and it's up to us to act. Deferring action and failing to protect habitat will cost koalas dearly. By contrast, protecting habitat now can reverse declines before it's too late.

I urge you to take meaningful action now to save our most beloved species so that future generations can see koalas in the wild in NSW.

The names of the **525** people who signed the letter are below, and the comments that were left on the action page follow the names. NPA thanks the NSW government for the opportunity to comment.

Supporter names

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Supporter comments

- Minister Upton , I urge you to take a more urgent approach to large scale land clearing . Thanks in advance.
- Help save diminishing Koala populations.
- Please save our native wildlife!
- Stop the land clearing that threatens koala habitat.
- Forest clearing is criminal in face of global warming and species loss. Habitat preservation is key to maintaining and preserving the species we still have. A koala forest park is essential and would be the best answer to their continuing decline through unsustainable forest destruction and invasion of predators introduced by humans.
- We need protection for our koalas, an iconic species found nowhere else and we are systematically killing them. At the rate of habitat loss, death by predators and roadkill we will lose them completely by 2050.
- New "Biodiversity" laws are a bad case of Orwell speak. For their safety and our wealth and health protect habitat.
- Koalas - already wiped out in much of NSW, but there used to be millions, and they were so numerous they were hunted for their fur by white settlers!! Why oh why don't we cherish our precious irreplaceable unique wild animals? They will be gone in a flash.
- Koalas traffic and development don't mix. Koalas need space so they can source the trees they need at different times of the year. Koalas get stressed if crowded together in small areas. Please consider the needs of this unique animal before developers interests.
- We are shamefully leading to the rapid extinction of koalas due to unnecessary greed and loss of vital habitat.
There were koalas on Sydney's Northern Beaches when I was a child. Do not allow further loss to occur.
- Protect this cute Australian icon before it's too late!
- We must have long term sustainability and protection of habitat.
- Saving koalas throughout NSW is critical, in my area of the Southern Highlands and elsewhere. We need the Great Koala National Park and additional habitat protection urgently.
- If nothing else what will we show tourists - stuffed ones? Sort yourself out, NSW.
- Please don't sacrifice our koalas.
- Minister Upton, all the talk in the world will not save koalas in NSW if you fail to protect their habitat. Declaring the Gt Koala Nat Park would be a start and go some way to repairing the immense damage you will do to biodiversity with these new 'broadscale clearing is on again' laws.
- Tree-clearing of native forest diminishes the life cycle of trees, animals, koalas, birds and insects, and increases soil-erosion and infertility.
- The clock is ticking for our wildlife, please act responsibly to save our iconic Koalas.
- Land clearing and diminishing bushland means that our Koalas will soon disappear. Let's put wildlife before profit.
- So feed up with seeing koalas homes taken and our PM Turnbull doing nothing to save our beautiful koalas. Never seen such a big drop in wildlife like we are seeing now. Australians want all our wildlife safe and there for all to see in years to come, it's far too lovely to be wiped out. Please act today, time is running out to save our koalas.
- Minister Upton, saving Koalas is about saving the places they need to live, that is shelter, feed, breeding. If you took away all the human homes and threw money at us, it really wouldn't save our lives. Land clearance laws are killing our wildlife. Please do everything you can to repeal the laws or at least ameliorate them.
- It's time we got more serious and halted land clearing and native forest logging in important koala habitats. We need more creative solutions implemented, and quickly!
- Please do what is within your powers to promote and protect koalas. This iconic animal is threatened by human destruction of their habitat as well as by feral animals. We must act now!!
- Minister Upton, a totally inadequate plan. Time is running out for the koala.
- Koalas have been such a special part of my life for more than 80 years.
- Let's ramp up our efforts to protect habitats and our species. Thank you.
- Please take action to reduce and carefully monitor large scale land clearing to preserve the remaining, vital koala habitat. Please act quickly before we lose our critically endangered, precious koalas forever.

- More thinking has to take place as to which areas are zoned. Areas along rivers should be kept light density with environment buffer zones to allow native flora and fauna to flourish. These areas should also be limited as to pet ownership. There is plenty of already cleared land sitting idle which would be more infrastructure friendly than natural bushland areas.
- Australia should be doing more to protect this iconic species.
- You can save the koalas if you keep destroying their habitat. You know that, please stop now.
- Please put Koalas before profits.
- Protect koalas in any way you can!
- Protecting habitat is a high priority.
- It is time to take real action to save our struggling koalas. I urge you Minister Upton to take action to stop land clearing and logging of koala habitat. This is the only way to turn this disaster of failed government policies and legislation around. This is an opportunity for your government to leave a legacy of foresight and responsible decision making for future generations and NSW, instead of one which will see the ultimate extinction of an iconic Australian species.
- Save the koala.....please...
- Please help save one of our national icons.
- PLEASE PLEASE. We must save our Koalas.
- Every Australian should sign this, these animals make us who we are as a nation.
- The Koala is like no other mammals...have compassion.
- Time to act - before it's too late.
- Please save this iconic animal, it is found on no other continent but Australia, it's imperative that it is saved for ALL mankind.
- Please save our lovely friends...
- Just do it...please!
- Wake up before it's too late.
- Please save our indigenous wildlife and most beautiful gentle trusting koalas.
- Once were koalas on Sydney's northern beaches. Are they keen to see the extinction of koalas?
- Our wildlife is one of a kind, please help save it, not take it away..