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<p>SOS Project Implementation  How will OEH implement projects on the ground with private landholders particularly in regional areas where you do not have staff members? It is a tough ask if you do not have someone who is based locally to get these projects up and running.</p> <p>In Gunnedah, there is a small group of volunteers who are in the Landcare group prepared to drive koala projects, however it is important to not overwhelm these groups by giving them large sums of money that they cannot manage or spend. SOS should support and enhance community groups who are willing to volunteer time. Is there scope in SOS to employ a coordinator to assist in running these types of groups?</p> <p>Toolbox  More research is required regarding chlamydia particularly in areas west of the Great Diving Range. It is hotter and dryer and the disease seems to be exacerbated by these conditions, more research is required.</p> <p>The science of additional watering points is still unknown. How will OEH prove that this is something that will work? Your current project in Gunnedah has completely missed the long, hot and extreme temperatures we experienced this summer - despite them being ready to be installed. There seems to be no plan in getting the watering points out into the landscape and very little progress except for the Landcare volunteers doing the manual labour, this has come to a stop though as they need guidance on where to put the next ones up.</p> <p>Other areas of koalas:  Moree Plains Shire have an important and extremely under threat population of koalas. More work is required urgently however with the implementation of the BCA in July, it is expected that land clearing of core koala habitat will increase (it is already happening at an alarming rate) so it may be too little too late. It is a complex situation and often political.  Gwydir Shire also has a population and it is thought that this may increase due to climate change. Not a lot is known about this population but there are plenty of interested people and community groups in that area that will be happy to participate in the Iconic Koala SOS programme.</p>	