



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **INQUIRY INTO KOALA POPULATIONS AND HABITAT IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**13 August 2019**

On Friday 16 August 2019, Portfolio Committee 7 will hold its first hearing for the inquiry into koala populations and habitat in New South Wales

The Chair of the committee, Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC, said: “The committee looks forward to hearing evidence from representatives of the NSW Government, Environmental Defenders Office, subject matter experts and key environmental organisations, including the National Parks Association NSW.”

The Chair continued: "On behalf of the committee, I wish to thank every person and organisation who has made a submission to the inquiry or filled out a form online. The committee has received hundreds of submissions and understand that thousands of people have filled out forms, all expressing their concern for the plight of the koala."

The inquiry is looking into the current status of koala populations and their habitat and focusing on the impacts and effectiveness of existing policies relating to land management reform, forestry and the environment

The hearing will commence at 9.45 am at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney. The hearing is open to the public and will be webcast live via the Parliament's [website](#).

For further information on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, and submissions received, please visit the committee's [website](#).

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