



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO 7 – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**22 October 2019**

On Friday 25 October 2019, Portfolio Committee 7 will hold its third 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 Campbelltown and Wollondilly councils, as well as from representatives of Lendlease on plans for the proposed Figtree Hill development. The committee will also hear from key environmental organisations such as the Total Environment Centre, Wilton Action Group, Help Save the Wildlife and Bushlands in Campbelltown, Save Mt. Gilead and the Macarthur branch of the National Parks Association and Dr Stephen Phillips of Biolink.”

The Chair continued: "The committee has been told that the koala population of the Campbelltown/Macarthur area is essential to the species' survival, potentially representing the last chlamydia-free population in NSW. With the area identified for significant development over the next few years, the committee is interested to hear from all stakeholders on how this key population of koalas can be protected into the future."

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 1.45 pm in the Performance Studio, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Campbelltown and is open to the public.

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

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