

Answer to question on notice : Dailan Pugh
Hearing at Ballina on Friday 18 October 2019

The Hon. CATHERINE CUSACK: The North Coast Environment Council submission refers to only three LGAs have koala management plans under the SEPP. Could you say which three they are?

Mr MORRISON: Coffs Harbour, Lismore, is it?

Ms HIGGINSON: No, Lismore has got park. I think Port Stephens, as we heard Dr Phillips was saying, it has not been finally approved. I think there are five at the moment.

Mr PUGH: Five or six, I think.

The Hon. CATHERINE CUSACK: I was not sure if it was just the North Coast, that was all. I just wanted to check. Maybe take that on notice.

I was advised after the meeting that Ballina's Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management has not been approved in accordance with SEPP 44. The EPA have previously claimed that Coffs Harbour core Koala habitat was not covered either. It is now impossible to tell from online information which of the handful of plans, and more importantly identified core koala habitat, are accredited by SEPP 44. This question needs to be directed to the NSW Government with the request that they provide a map of all core Koala habitat in NSW accredited by SEPP 44, there will not be much.