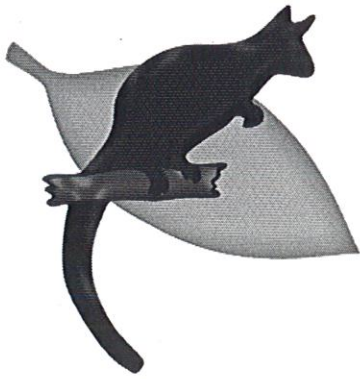




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INQUIRY INTO KOALA POPULATIONS AND HABITAT IN NSW
Supplementary Material Tabled at Coffs Harbour Hearing
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Documents tabled:

Update on recent Clarence Valley developments likely to impact koalas – Two case studies
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Clarence Valley Council Flier: Reporting koalas in the Clarence Valley

NSW Koala Strategy 2018. Priority actions
Highlights of the Plan. Status of 24 Strategy Actions as they affect Clarence Valley koalas.
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The Koala Register

Our online Koala Register will let you pin-point a koala sighting location on a map. You'll also be able to add more information about the sighting to help us learn more.

Follow the steps - it's easy!

[www.clarenceconversations.com.au/
koalaregister](http://www.clarenceconversations.com.au/koalaregister)



Nominate a release site

Clarence koala carers are in need of release sites. Do you have koala-friendly habitat and wish to register your property as a release site?

Head to the Koala Register via the web and select the *Nominate a Koala Release Site* tab.



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Injured, sick or orphaned koalas

If you suspect a koala needs help, please contact:
WIRES Clarence Valley on 1300 094 737
Experienced, trained handlers will advise what should be done to help the koala.

Further information

To learn more about koalas in the Clarence Valley visit the website or call (02) 6643 0200



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Reporting koalas in the Clarence Valley

Register your koala sightings
and help us conserve
this iconic species



Koalas in the Clarence

The Clarence Valley has a few remaining koala populations, including areas around Iluka, Woombah, Waterview Heights, Barretts Creek, Marengo, and Billy's Creek.

... but there's still much we don't know. Clarence Valley Council is keen to learn about where you've seen koalas. We are collecting data on where our koalas are located to help conserve this iconic species.



Why koalas need our help

- Koalas are exposed to a number of threats in developed areas, including:
 - vehicle strike;**
 - dog attack;**
 - loss of food trees and habitat;**
 - unmanaged fire;**
 - swimming pools, and;**
 - impermeable fences.**

In combination, these threats can cause koala populations to decline.

Land clearance is recognised as the major threat to koalas due to the loss of food trees. When their habitat becomes fragmented, koalas have to move greater distances between trees, making them more vulnerable to vehicle strike and dog attack.

Habitat fragmentation or disturbance can also lead to overcrowding and increased competition. Koalas then become stressed, which may lead to health problems. Koalas that are weakened by disease are more vulnerable to dog attack.

Why are koala sightings important?

Knowing where koalas are located in our landscape helps us to conserve the species.

Data collection enables us to learn about why koalas prefer a particular habitat, why certain habitats contain more species than other similar habitats, and why koalas are declining from particular areas.

By understanding their distribution we can determine the conservation value of regional

Evidence of Koala activity includes actual sightings, hearing koala bellows, presence of seats beneath a tree, or scratch marks on the trunk of trees.

