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

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As a mining environment and safety inspector from the Queensland border to Namoi river at Walgett , I often saw koalas. Singly, on the ground or up trees . I probably had 20 or 30 sightings over a wide area over a 10 year period. without looking! I retired in 2012.

In the six years since about 2013, whilst I looked and asked I can not get a single sighting report in the above mentioned area. ! Previously, I had seen a koala in the tree outside my office in Lightning Ridge on two occasions. In a tree at our mining camp. On the neighbours veranda post, trees in backyards in Lightning Ridge, often at the cactus gardens, near Grawin in trees and on the ground. But none recently at all! No dead ones seen or reports of road kills or dog attacks either !

Where I now live in Moonbi I have had one female with a Joey for about 12 months but it seems to have gone now.