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

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The destruction of natural habitat for many animals and birds in Australia is a crying shame.

Land clearing is the worst as it has temporary and minimal benefits for a few.

Clear felling for timber should be a thing of the past.

Consciousness raising, EDUCATION!!!! to the public, schools, and end users of timber should be raised by EDUCATION!

Architects and builders:

I see so much timber going into houses and buildings where it is inappropriate:

View:

Timber privacy screens - use your imagination! Cement board?

Timber decks - Hardies compressed or Scyon does a permanent job requiring little maintenance.

Think about where the timber is coming from:

Australian forest - koalas, possums, pigmy possums, parrots!

South East Asian Forests - even worse, not re-established Urangutans, monkeys etc.

The timber, Merbau is commonly used for decks - it's cheaper than Australian hardwood - it's from a lush rain forest in the tropics - it's destroying habitat.