

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

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Please have a prime consideration for this State and this Government being known for ensuring not only the survival but the active promotion of the health and well being of koalas. This would be a fantastic achievement to celebrate. The alternative, to be known as key contributors to the demise of this iconic and unique and much loved Australian mammal is too terrible to contemplate. It is time for adherence to strong principles. And even the thought that koalas are no longer a sustainable population should not be able to be contemplated without a deep seated and visceral revulsion. Australia can and should continue to be actively engaged in avoiding all risks of extinction of all its amazing wildlife. It is not only morally and ethically required. it makes good economic sense as well. How many tourists will come to see the last, stuffed, koala?