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

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I live in a regional area & are deeply disturbed by ruthless style of development of housing estates, industrial & road development especially in areas which are known to be habitat of Koalas & other wildlife such as Echidnas.

The processes to get development approval that requires logging of established forests & wetlands has to be reviewed & radically changed to consider not only human needs but equally needs of animals who have the right to a home just as humans do. I experienced the development madness especially on the Sunshine Coast where wetland & forests are still eradicated to make room for new estates while Koalas flee into neighbouring areas & getting generally killed by dogs and cars. This is shameful & ignorant by people of council & state that undermines our quality of life & repels also tourism because they come here to see Koalas & don't want to go to the zoo to see them but experience them in their natural habitat!