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

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Dear Committee Members ,

The koala is at risk from many causes but the most dire is the loss of habitat. Other contributing factors such as deaths from dogs and vehicle hits are indirectly caused by the alarming rate of habitat loss, including prime koala habitat, which is occurring as I write. In addition the koala is at risk due to the warming of the planet and the resultant lack of necessary moisture in the leaves of the koala's food trees..

Australia has a dismal record of species extinction and it is a wake up call to the government when an iconic species such as the koala joins the list of threatened species. We have no excuse for lack of action .The land clearing legislation needs to be scrapped and areas where koalas exist at present must be protected for eternity.