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

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I cannot imagine a future without koalas. However, habitat loss through land clearing for development, as well as other pressures, including climate change, is pushing these beautiful animals to the brink. I grew up in coastal Victoria and koalas were a common site. I've lived in the south of Sydney for almost 6 years, and despite driving past koala signs on my way to work, I have never seen one. I walk often in the bush land and national park around my area, and I've never seen one! We need to protect known habitat from development. People can live and work