

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

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Dear Parliamentary Committee,

We are in an existential crisis. I will say it again: We are in an existential crisis. We are in the midst of the sixth mass extinction. Humanity is at threat of collapse by 2050 if we do not mitigate climate change and protect and restore nature as quickly as we can. War, famine and disease is our guaranteed future if we continue on this current trajectory.

Norway recently became the first country to ban deforestation. The world needs to follow this example, and we in Australia are a wealthy nation who are amongst the countries who can best afford to set the right example. Instead, we are a deforestation hotspot, with the worst deforestation rates and extinction rates in the developed world.

So, in protecting Koala habitat, you will be on the right side of history in helping to avert death and suffering of your children, my children and those in developing countries already dying from the affects of climate change.

Yours faithfully,