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

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I would make the following points:

Identify and protect koala climate refugia urgently

Immediately cease industrialised logging on all land koalas are known to inhabit

Koala hubs are valuable on all land ownership types for the preservation of the species (as identified by the Office of Environment and Heritage)

Create new national parks in the south west of Sydney and north east NSW to ensure sustainability of the koala population

Given the damning report on species loss in Australia it is essential for the government to ensure that koalas are not added to the list

The NSW government implemented the disastrous policy last year to allow feral horses to roam freely within Kosciuszko National Park to the detriment of native animal and plant species which live there. Do not compound the error by allowing koalas to be put at risk by allowing their habitat to be destroyed.

Following down the same path as we have done in the past could have disastrous effects for the long term sustainability of koalas. It is time a good hard look was taken at the problems and an innovative, science driven approach implemented.

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