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

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Against the backdrop of an environment in which the natural world is rapidly being demolished to make way for human occupation, and our species along with almost every other species is facing sure extinction, I believe Australians have a moral imperative to do everything we can to protect the future of koalas, whose natural history dates back 25 million years:

<https://glennaalbrecht.com/2017/01/17/koalas-a-retrospective/>

The demise of these very special creatures would be a shame beyond which words can describe. The preservation and enhancement of koala forest habitats will help avert the impending climate change disaster. The decimation of the forests has to stop. In the region where I live, the mid-north coast of NSW, intensive logging is eliminating koala habitat at an alarming rate:

<https://www.savethekoala.com/about-us/news-events/why-koala-forests-are-so-important>

Science can provide all the valid reasons why the koala and its habitat desperately need to be protected, but my plea come from the heart (an informed - and deeply saddened - heart), and I implore NSW's policy makers and legislators to do the right thing and show that they care for the natural environment, not just for the role it has in our future survival, but for its own intrinsic value and beauty.

Thank you.