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

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I am writing as a concerned member of my local area & of Shepherds Ground Ecovillage.

The proposed extension of 2 quarries in this area, Daracon at Martin's Creek & Hanson's at Brandy will mean a loss of nearly 250 hectares of Koala habitat, causing further loss of food & fragmentation of colonies. Koalas travel at night & the proposal of Hanson's to extend to a 24/7 operation will make them increasingly vulnerable to road deaths & light & dust disturbance of their natural lifestyle.

I urge you to closely study the quarry extension proposals with the above considerations in mind & recommend their curtailment.