

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

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To the NSW Parliament,

While this submission is in regards to Koalas in NSW and I am in QLD I am making a submission because losing our Australian Koalas is a national problem and a national disgrace. Habitat loss is killing these beautiful marsupials and it simply must stop. When is enough, enough? It is past time to stop the clearing, no more developments. It is time to put a population cap on this country. Koalas are territorial and have a home range that won't allow them to just move on to other areas which is why you see them clinging to mulch piles or a random power pole or newly erected house. That was once their favourite feed tree. They also do not eat the leaf off every gum tree in their territory as it is still not widely understood but I believe it has to do with soil structure that changes the taste or nutrient from tree to tree. So they have favorites in their home range. Stress is the biggest cause of their demise causing disease. The Campbelltown Koalas are one of the very few colonies left with out chlamydia present. Please preserve them and be proud of them. The locals, the wildlife and the tourists will thank you. Our country quite simply cannot continue on the land clearing rate it has been going. Our actions have reactions and it time to take a stand and say no more to land clearing no matter the mighty dollar. If there is nothing left to enjoy what is the point of making money? Eco tourism maybe a great option instead of destroying wildlife corridors and habitat. Thank you.