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

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The NSW and Commonwealth Government have expert advisors and ecologists available to advise them on options to preserve habitat where Koalas live. What is missing is transparency that the Government is actively ignoring this information and developing strategies that are ineffective; wasteful; and ultimately destroying the future for our native animals. Campbelltown; Coffs Harbour; Gunnedah. Every where the koalas live is less of a priority than housing and urban sprawl; housing and urban sprawl; and mining. Biodiversity offsetting is demonstrably not working. The Independent Planning Commission lacks independence. Has the Native Vegetation Panel been convened? The Natural Resources Commission was leading research into whether broad scale land clearing was compatible with koala survival. Politicians will happily have committees and inquiries as it helps them pretend they are doing something. When they are not. Impression I get is that is that extinction would really help the government with meeting stakeholder needs to 'end green tape'.