INQUIRY INTO KOALA POPULATIONS AND HABITAT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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As a farmer I am very concerned that the koala issue is being hijacked by people that have no real skin in the game. It is essential that we all manage for what we want and don’t focus on what we don’t want. We should not focus just on koalas but need to look at ecosystems. It is essential that the community provide more farmer friendly assistance to maintain ecosystems on their farms. Instead of using resources on activities that don’t improve koala habitat spend resources on improve pest animal control. Last month I was charged by LLS $900 to have grain treated with 1080 so I could poison feral pigs. No assistance was available but government have spent millions on locking up the pillaga scrub. Work with farmers not lawyers and courts. It is essential sensible management be encouraged.