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

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To Whom it May Concern, I live within The Port Stephen's Council district. This is a council that states on it's website that it is proud to be the 'Home of the Koala'.

However, within this district there is currently a proposed expansion to the Brandy Hill Quarry that is set to have a devastating impact on our precious Koala population. The area surrounding the quarry, which is set to be destroyed due to the proposed expansion is known Koala Habitat. I am quite bewildered as to how this expansion could even be considered under the circumstances. Given the millions of tax payers dollars that are invested in conservation and preserving what Koalas we have left in the wild, it would seem ludicrous and completely illogical to even consider expanding the Brandy Hill Quarry - a known Koala habitat. Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns.