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

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The treatment of our national icon the koala is atrocious!! The country needs legislation to protect it asap before it's too late. Eco tourism is a large employer and is only getting bigger but if we keep treating our unique fauna and flora as expendable then Tourism will decrease and many will be unemployed. We as a society need to look after those that cant look after themselves - this must include our fauna and flora as well. More emphasis on what the impact to the environment will be when creating roads and mines etc. In our region we have just had a beautiful koala habitat destroyed by the building of a road that could have been located elsewhere but the will was not there to protect the wildlife. Please make this happen, we are running out of time!!