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

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Please accept this document as my submission to the:
NSW Governments Inquiry into Koala populations and habitats.

From: Olia Carwardine

2nd August 2019

Dear Committee

I want to advise of the koala populations that were prolific in Goonengerry near Mullumbimbee during the time I lived there in the 1980s and early 1990s.

It was not unusual to find koala in the trees outside of our home and on a number of occasions when a koala was unwell I would call the local wildlife carers and once well again then they would come back for release.

While I do not live in that area now I have been advised that koala have been sighted at Myocum also not far from Mullumbimbee and Byron Bay.

I am very concerned for the future of this wonderful Australian native animal and want the NSW government to ensure their future is protected.

More habitats are needed

Greater protection is needed otherwise koala would not be in this critical situation

Logging in koala areas needs to be stopped.

Ensure the setting up of the Great Koala National Park and also that adequate funding is made available to guarantee their ongoing sustenance and protection.

Koalas must come first before logging, before land clearing and before development.

Please work to ensure that our existing populations of koala are protected.

And please work to ensure required habitat is maintained and new habitat generated with as many habitat corridors as are required to ensure ongoing existence of our wonderful koala.

Thank you

Olia Carwardine