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

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The Mt Gilead estate is going to destroy prime koala habitat, where a disease free colony of koala occur. This disease free colony of koalas are crucial to NSW, and it would be easy for the govt to buy the land for its koala attraction value and create jobs and money to the community, making a feature of this area instead. Koalas are dying out in the wild because of govt sanctioned property development like this one.

The govt has this opportunity to reverse the wild koala decline in NSW and use Mt Gilead as an example of habitat preservation and clever promotion for tourist dollars.

The govt has the power to say no to the development on koala habitat area.