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

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Australia's Koala populations are declining rapidly due to deforestation. Please ensure this species and their habitat is protected to ensure they do not become extinct.

The destruction of native forests can lead to environmental degradation in the form of diminished water quality and access, soil erosion, and forest fragmentation. Forest trees play an important role in the water cycle, absorbing rain fall and producing water vapor, while also lessening water pollution by stemming polluted run off.