

**Submission
No 272**

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

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Dear Committee,

Australia has one of the worst track records in the world for deforestation. This is not only disastrous in terms of capturing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, which are a major contributor to climate change, but the destruction of koala habitat is outrageous.

The koala is already “functionally extinct” which means they have been so annihilated they can no longer fulfil their role as key part of the health of our eucalyptus forests by eating upper leaves for regrowth and contributing to nutrient recycling of the soil with their droppings.

This is a national disgrace.

You must act and you must act now!!!!

Sincerely,

Ranwi Morris