

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

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## Decline of Koala numbers in Coffs Harbour

Dear Committee,

Please accept this letter as my submission to the Inquiry into koala populations and habitat in New South Wales. I consent to the committee making this submission and my name public. In my 18 years of living in Coffs Harbour I have witnessed the decline in koala numbers. They are becoming a rarity to show our grandchildren who will be the next generation of guardians for this species – we'd like them to know how unique they are. Their survival will continue to be fragile without decent Government policies to protect them.

Logging, wanton clearing of land for blueberries and housing developments are taking their toll on koala numbers in Coffs Harbour and district.

Koala populations everywhere are in crisis and urgent action is needed to ensure future generations can see these iconic species in the wild. Ensuring the survival of koalas, as well as the over 1000 other species threatened with extinction in NSW, is an issue which must be beyond politics.

I therefore encourage the committee to work together to develop a cross-party consensus on genuine solutions to protect the future of our koalas.

Yours Sincerely,

Anne Evans