

**Submission  
No 286**

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

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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.

I call on the committee to prioritise koala population health, over economic considerations, including forestry operations and residential “development.” Jesus' warning against all forms of greed continues to be as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago.

Humans control far more of the biological productivity of the planet than we should- it is long past time that we made space for all our non human neighbours.

We need to reverse the decline in national parks public funding, and expand our National Parks network, including creating the Great Koala National Park.

The remapping of old growth forests should be abandoned, and much more significant exclusion zones be introduced around old trees.

Burning our native forests for electricity needs to be ruled out- in a land with so much solar, wind, and tidal energy sources such a scheme is ridiculous.

Yours Sincerely,

Jason John