

**Submission
No 290**

**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 upon the committee to stop the burning of the SE native Forrests in the fireplaces of all the ski lodges of Kosciusko National Park. There is no sustainable fire wood available in communities like Jindabyne, this results in the koala habitat from the SE Forrests being trucked from the coast for firewood.

I ask the committee to stop logging of native Forrests and mandate the use of sustainable heating in commercial properties of the SE, reducing the need to log the Native Forrests. I also ask the committee to ensure no tree felling in Kosciusko National Park is used for firewood. Koala populations are in crisis, I ask the committee to stop wood chipping and land clearing, instead protect the environment and habitat of the koala before they face extinction.

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