

**Submission
No 300**

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

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Dear Committee,

This letter is my submission to the inquiry into koala populations and habitat in New South Wales.

I can't believe I am still petitioning the NSW Government to save Koalas and their habitat, which also affects many other species who are also facing extinction. Urgent action is needed for their survival!

The NSW Government is aware of the crisis facing Koalas and other species, but, without taking the necessary urgent action to protect their habitat and corridors and it will soon be too late. There needs to be permanent change and real solutions to ensure their survival. The Koalas No. 1 threat is habitat destruction from logging, clearing, especially old growth forests and development that causes habitat loss.

I implore the committee to finally set aside and protect Koala habitat to allow them to recover. By firstly and permanently protecting remaining habitat from logging and clearing, expanding Koala corridors through National Parks, end logging of old growth forests and end wood chipping in areas where Koala populations need to recover.

Please Stop! the loss of habitat for Koalas and thousands of other species threatened with extinction in NSW, and take the necessary action immediately, to stop the demise of our iconic Koala, that thousands of tourists from around the world come to see every year. We don't want to just see them in a zoo or structured wildlife park, we want to see them in healthy numbers in the wild.