

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

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Submission to the Upper House inquiry into koala populations and habitat in New South Wales

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.

Recently, the NSW Government recognised that Koala populations are in steep decline and developed a strategy to begin to address this. Unfortunately, the strategy and current government policy fails to address the number one threat to koala populations – habitat loss and fragmentation.

Protecting and restoring koala habitat has beneficial impacts beyond koala survival including carbon capture, habitat protection for other native plants, insects and animals and human health. Please prioritise habitat protection and restoration.

Yours Sincerely,

Gabrielle Richardson