

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

**Name:** Supporters of Proforma No 5 - South West Sydney - 11 people  
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**Portfolio Committee No. 7 – Planning and Environment  
Legislative Council, Parliament of New South Wales  
- Inquiry into koala populations and habitat in New South Wales**

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Dear Committee,

I am writing to have my submission points considered regarding helping the koalas of MacArthur and Wollondilly area.

1. Koalas will be trapped behind RMS's and Lendlease's exclusion fence with no ability to escape from bushfires or other catastrophes, and cut off from reaching prime koala habitat, ensuring the population will inevitably be lost. This is an officially sanctioned 'localized Koala extinction plan', solely designed to benefit a private developer at the cost of the survival of our most vulnerable national icon the 'Koala'.
2. Cutting wildlife corridors and destroying koala habitat will cause the South West Sydney koala population to become stressed which will lead to them into contracting Chlamydia and kidney disease. (Dr. Edward Narayan) Koalas need thoroughfares like we do- without overpass and/or underpasses they also need corridors, not in any plans from Developers.
3. Known for its Chlamydia free status, the South Western koala colony will be destroyed by the development of the Mt. Gilead Estate. Chlamydia is a stress response if their land is cleared of trees. being forced out of their range has been shown to stimulate the disease.
4. South West Sydney koalas are the only Chlamydia free and expanding koala population left in NSW and should not be endangered by roads or development for housing.
5. The soil types and trees within the Holsworthy Military Reserve are not the preferred type for koalas yet the soil along the ridge line produces trees that Koalas thrive on. (hence the population healthy, expanding & moving)
6. New plantings of eucalypt trees, although deserving, will not be functional for koalas for another decade, and cannot in anyway compare to the importance of old growth forests.
7. Over 3.2 billion tourist dollars and 30,000 jobs are created each year but koalas are dying out in the wild if just one percent of this sum was directed into purchasing properties such as Mount Gilead, koalas in South West Sydney would stand a chance of survival. Create long term jobs & bring in a lot of money to the community.