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**INQUIRY INTO LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY AND
FUTURE OF THE TIMBER AND FOREST PRODUCTS
INDUSTRY**

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According to NewScientist.com

"[Koalas] need a range of at least 100 hectares of bushland, with 40 to 60 per cent of it covered in eucalyptus forest, according to extensive surveys in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria over the past three years."

Koalas are listed as Vulnerable by the Federal Governments EPBC act and must be protected and conserved by all measures possible.

Harvesting timber to a dwindling market means life or death for this iconic species.

There are alternatives we can look into as a nation that do not railroad our precious animal and plant species into extinction. (Is it really worth it?)

Australia needs practices such as agroforestry as an immediate change from native forest logging.