

Planning (Social Impact and Community Benefit) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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As a conservation biologist working in koala conservation over the past 20 years. I see first hand everyday the consequences of poor legislative and regulatory protections for one of Australia's most iconic species, the Koala! The current protections are full of loopholes and exemptions that favour development, mining and infrastructure to the detriment of nature and our native flora and fauna. When does enough become enough. How do we reconcile Australia's continuing record for worst mammal extinctions and dare to pretend to the world we care about nature as signatory to numerous conventions. It is the role of Government to protect in perpetuity Australia's natural

assets. It is not the role of individual and temporary, ill-informed political party representatives to further degrade hard won protections for the sake of short term political gain. Consider the long term impacts of short term vision. Do the right thing and do not make any further poor decisions that will further impact koalas, their habitat and the opportunity for this species and others to remain viable.