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Legislation ignoring the impacts on the surrounding wildlife including koalas, will have a devastating impact on not only the environment, but the habitat that is ever diminishing for our native fauna. Koalas are already listed on the endangered list, and depleting their habitat with no regard for their ongoing wellbeing in the area, and food source regeneration lost through development is irresponsible. Brisbane will be on the world stage for the 2032 Olympics & Paralympic's, and development of world class venues is essential. However the ongoing legacy in destroying wildlife habitat, with no regard for animal welfare, wellbeing & safety in the process, nor short & longterm impacts is short sighted. How will it look to the global community to know that some of the venues built for the Olympics, came at the cost of native wildlife, including Australia's much loved koalas. The data available on koala numbers in particular, in the areas of new builds that will require habitat destruction for Games venues, will go a long way to show a strong evidence base of the numbers of animals impacted & lost through legislation that does not require these development to minimise & replenish habitat, & provide safe corridors for koalas for future generations.