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Subject: Protecting our koala population in the whole of Queensland

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Dear State Development, Natural Resources & Agricultural Industry Development Committee

As a long time koala supporter, I'm interested in Koala Conservation. The Koala species are already endangered and need to be protected. A big threat to the koala species that I see are wild dogs. Study findings produced by The Moreton Bay Rail Link koala monitoring and management program, which placed tracking devices on 400 koalas in the area over two years. Results of the monitoring found that of the 400 koalas tracked, 130 were found dead mostly due to wild dog attacks. I would like to see all those wild dogs dealt with, I would like to see some intervention on the protection of habitats.

Another threat that I see are **destruction of Koala habitat due to human activity**, large number of koalas killed by high speeding vehicles and also attacks by domestic dogs. My suggestion is that we ban owners keeping fierce dogs near the koala habitat. Another threat that I see is when certain koala habitats are destroyed, they have to move somewhere else and they could easily get chlamydia which affects the fertility problems of koala. A cure of this disease need to be find in order to protect koala population in the whole of Queensland.

In recent times, it has become increasingly clear that existing legislation is incapable of providing the level of protection needed to save the Koala and I am shocked to hear that the federal government have decided to allow the States to administer koala legislation, even though the Senate Report showed they were completely incapable of protecting the koala and its habitat.

If you look at the Bald Eagle act in USA, it has prevented the Bald Eagle from extinction. It is easy to draw parallels between the Bald Eagle and the Koala; they are both iconic to each country. The document is written now and I am hoping that you will consider supporting the legislation because it is time that simple and common sense regulations were put in place to protect koala habitat. I extremely strongly support the Australian Koala Foundation and believe you should participate. We need to address all these issues. Otherwise the Koala species will become extinct. I look forward to your comments.(my mobile number is

Thanks and Regards,

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