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Koalas do not survive in isolation, they are colony dwellers and live in bushland where their favourite eucalypt gum trees grow in tall stands. According to Professor John Woinarski, "Animals are dying because the legal protections we've got and the funding mechanisms are simply insufficient, as is the extent to which we care."

Queenslanders must be extremely saddened to know as so much land clearing is taking place in their state, it is responsible for koalas being found isolated, sick, hungry and dying in suburbia. Deforestation in Queensland alone has killed 45 million native animals. Wildlife vet in SE Queensland, Dr Jon Hanger, sees the result of the carnage. He spoke of just one case of a shockingly injured mother koala, whose right arm had been ripped out of its socket. She was sitting, shocked holding her tiny baby with her remaining arm. Our iconic, **native koalas are threatened in their home country because of unchecked habitat destruction, and lack of caring government intervention to save them.**

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