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Dear Committee members,

I am very concerned about the amount of tree clearing happening in this state. I live on the Gold Coast where the effects of tree clearing are obvious. A trip to Brisbane via the M1 will reveal hectares of felled trees, often in or near koala 'protection' areas.

Friends of mine have seen koalas in areas that now look more like a desert that were previously tree-filled bushland. The animals often require rescuing if it isn't already too late to do so. There is photographic proof of this if needed.

Tree clearing is not only bad for animals that depend on 'forested' areas. By losing trees, we lose much more than just animal habitat, including the very thing that helps provide us with clean air. The trees also help bind the soil to the land which helps protect against erosion and land-slides.

The loss of koalas is a particular concern. On the Gold Coast the designation of koala 'protection' areas seems to count for nothing – the trees get bulldozed anyway. Clearly the current protections aren't good enough and/or the penalties for breaking such laws are inadequate.

It's ironic that the koala is Qld's state emblem and yet it is at grave risk of extinction.

I urge you to support the protections to their fullest extent and would even support going beyond these. Without better protections the future is bleak – for humans and animals alike.

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