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Dear Committee Members,

I am extremely passionate and concerned about this topic so please do not dismiss my email written from the heart- I know there will be some of you that are just as concerned as myself about the future plight of our beautiful koala bear.

I am very concerned about excessive tree clearing that has already occurred in Queensland.

It has had a huge impact on Queensland's koala population. I am proud to be Australian, I am proud of this country and I love our flora and fauna.

I am literally in tears when I see koala bears homeless through excessive tree-clearing.

They depend on their trees for protection from dogs, cats, foxes and other animals that threaten their existence. The trees also provide their food which enables them to survive.

When their trees are felled they starve or they are at the mercy of other wildlife so their deaths can be long and painful.

This rampant tree clearing is threatening to wipe out the last remaining populations of our precious state emblem, in fact Queensland's Koala Coast has already lost over 80 per cent of its koalas.

I am appalled by what is happening to this beautiful animal that epitomises Australia to the rest of the world.

If koalas die out on our watch, we will have let down all future generations!

This will also happen in view of the whole world.

This beautiful iconic species that makes Queensland and Australia great deserves OUR UNITED PROTECTION as a country as a government and as a people.

Laws that will restore protection for the trees that koalas and many other wildlife call home are now back in front of parliament for consideration.

It is **your** chance to leave a positive legacy and protect our natural heritage.

I urge you to support the protections to their fullest extent. There is a way wildlife and people can share a successful and prosperous future. It is our shared duty to find it.

Please don't let further excessive tree clearing continue. Stop it NOW and protect our koala bears.

Yours sincerely  
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