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To: <u>SDNRAIDC</u>

Subject: Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to make a public submission regarding the Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017.

I find it troubling that proper protections are not already in place for koalas and the loss of their habitat around Australia is a national disgrace. It is ridiculous that a tree is cut down and then others are planted supposedly to replace the ones that are cut down and which will clearly take years to grow. The greed and demand for timber is breathtaking and as usual in this country, greed takes precedence over everything.

The sad irony is that koalas are so well known and respected and loved by people overseas and yet we treat the koala with utter disrespect and disregard.

China in particular who do not have a very good environmental record, revere and protect their national animal, the giant panda, and what does Australia do? We slowly and surely kill off one of the most unique animals on the planet.

Both state and federal governments in this country need to grow a backbone and protect not only our forests but our precious koalas and other wildlife.

If Australia and in particular Queensland continues on in the current fashion, there will be no koalas left to protect. I urge and IMPLORE you to implement and better yet, make this Act work!

Thank you for your time. Yours faithfully, Bernadette Shingles