From:
To: SDNRAIDC

Subject: Protect Queenslands Koalas

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Dear Committee Members,

I understand that many politicians are sceptical when they receive floods of similar emails about topical issues. However I am writing to add my voice to the thousands of people who are genuinely and deeply concerned about the horrible impact of land clearing on koalas and other native animals and plants. And who are holding you accountable for what will happen about this issue.

I cannot believe that you would like to be remembered as the people responsible for the annihilation of koalas in Queensland. That you would like your families, children, nieces and nephews, friends to realise you had the power to protect this iconic Australian animal but did not act. That you allowed short term greed, or complacency, or the voices of a small group of individuals who are driven by their own short term financial interests rather than the needs of the whole community, to stop you acting to save our forests and our precious koalas.

You won't be able to say "I didn't realise" or "we didn't know" – the research is in and the warnings have been clearly and loudly made. We know that business as usual in relation to land clearing in forests and on private property will lead to the extinction of viable koala populations in Queensland.

You have an opportunity now to support laws that will protect the trees and ecosystems that koalas need, providing long-term benefit to both the environment and the people.

Please support the protections to their fullest extent. Please act now, while you still can, and help create a lasting legacy for this wonderful State.

Yours sincerely Sybille Frank