

**Question on Notice  
No. 588  
Asked on 20 May 2004**

QUESTION:

MRS MILLER asked the Minister for the Environment (Mr Mickel)—

How do wildlife carers assist in the care of native animals within the City of Ipswich?

ANSWER:

I would like to thank all community carers, volunteers and wildlife care groups for the work that they do to assist in the protection and care of our native wildlife.

My department advises there are approximately 11 wildlife carers and one wildlife group, the Ipswich Koala Protection Society, that contributes to the protection and care of native wildlife in the City of Ipswich. They work closely with developers in providing advice on wildlife behaviour and on habitat revegetation as a result of clearing.

Volunteers operate a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week koala rescue and wildlife ambulance. Regular tree planting days are held with local council and schools, where they are assisting with the revegetation of approximately 100 acres owned by the Moggill Koala Hospital Association.

The wildlife carers are very proactive in local community activities. They participate in community education. They also work closely with the Ipswich City Council's environmental program 'Enviroplan' which includes the 'backyard and bottom paddock' community education event.