

**Question on Notice  
No. 1718  
Asked on Wednesday, 12 November 2008**

QUESTION:

**MS STONE** asked the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Mr McNamara) –

With reference to protecting vulnerable koala populations through new housing estates with by-laws banning dogs—

Will he consider introducing signage laws to ensure visitors to the estates are aware of the by-laws and do not bring their dogs when visiting residents and that nearby residents know not to walk their dogs through the estates?

ANSWER:

As I previously advised Ms Stone in answer to a Question on Notice on 27 August 2008, the Premier and I on 5 August 2008 announced the establishment of a Koala Taskforce to look at a range of options to give better protection to the koala, such as:

- protecting key koala habitat;
- better road design to provide more koala crossings and signage to warn drivers to slow down;
- whether koala-friendly fences, with gaps to allow ease of movement through yards, can be installed around new houses; and
- controlling dogs in new developments that are seen as vital movement paths for koalas.

The Koala Taskforce has reported to the Premier on these and other initiatives. The Government is considering the matters suggested by the Taskforce. However, at this time no by-law of the type queried by Ms Stone has been drafted by the Government, including any requirements for signage.