

## Question on Notice

No. 1341

Asked on Thursday, 10 November 2022

**MR P WEIR** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2020-2025 and the new regulatory koala habitat maps for South East Queensland released by the Queensland Government in 2020—

Will the Minister advise when mapping for the remainder of the regional council areas of Queensland will be released including the Toowoomba Regional Council given that seven council areas have updated koala habitat maps?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government's South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2020-2025 (the Strategy) and its associated vegetation mapping focuses on south east Queensland as it faces the greatest pressures from urban development. Regional councils, including Toowoomba Regional Council are not in south east Queensland, therefore are not in scope under the Strategy.

The Palaszczuk Government continues to work with all levels of government to take action to protect koalas.

Outside south east Queensland, koala populations are protected by a range of measures under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and the Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017, which include constraints on clearing koala habitat. Koala habitat is also regulated through the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* as Essential Habitat. Vegetation maps detailing essential habitat are currently publicly available at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/management/vegetation>.