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The Director Metropolitan and Regional Projects North
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Dear Sir

Koala protection at Kings Forest on the Tweed Coast

It was with great concern that the Clarence Environment Centre learned that the Kings Forest development had been approved, which will see massive disruption and destruction of Koala habitat.

We hated to see the mistakes of our own Clarence Valley region, which has seen the extinction of two local sub-populations, and the imminent demise of a third, over the past decade.

It is understood that the Tweed Koala population is now reduced to a mere 12 dozen, a number that is so low that recovery, even with Kings Forest being retained in its entirety as Koala habitat, would seem unlikely. This is an appalling indictment on those Councillors and agencies who have failed so dismally in their duty of care over time.

As a result, the Clarence Environment Centre joins with others to call for a total review of the zoning decisions for Kings Forest.

Time is running out for the Koala.

Yours sincerely
John Edwards
Honorary Secretary.

North Coast Environment Council (& friends) discussion list

Late Submissions Kings Forest

You can still lodge late submissions for Kings Forest. Whilst not required to be addressed by the developer (unless they are in before this Friday), they will still be acknowledged and added to the numbers.

(You can always speak with the assessing officer if you have particular information that needs to be brought to their attention.)

I'm sure the Koalas would agree, 'better late than never'!

Ongoing Political Pressure and "an aggressive approach*" is essential (Tweed Coast Koala Habitat Study 2011)

It's not enough to just advocate for 'no dogs' and 'damage control' measures! The fundamental problem is the development footprint in the sensitive areas of the north-eastern portions (adjacent to the Cudgen Nature Reserve), and the Cudgen Paddock, as highlighted by numerous ecologists in the original zoning debate of 2006.

There is now even clearer evidence that a more precautionary approach is an absolute necessity in light of the new and dire information on the plight of the Tweed Coast Koala.

With only an estimated 144 koalas left the findings of the Tweed Coast Koala Habitat Study 2011 are undeniable justification for the zoning and the latest Concept Plan to be totally reviewed.

Nothing less is likely to avoid local Koala extinction!

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Re: KINGS FOREST Stage 1 Subdivision and Bulk Earthworks - Application No. 08_0194
Details http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=2642

Sample submissions

http://www.calderaenvironmentcentre.org/calderaenvironmentcentre.org/KINGS_FOREST/Entries/2012/1/30_Kings_Forest%2C_Unsustainable_Development.html

Warm regards,
CI Katie Milne