



The Great Koala National Park



In 2012 there were an estimated 54,000 wild koalas in NSW. By 2016 the NSW Chief Scientist reported only 36,000 koalas were left.


Then **10,000 koalas perished during the 2019/20 bushfires** and **thousands of hectares of koala habitat were destroyed.**

A 2020 NSW parliamentary inquiry found that **NSW koalas will become extinct by 2050 if urgent action is not taken to protect their habitat.**

Koalas are now listed as an Endangered Species in NSW, Queensland and the ACT.

The **Great Koala National Park** would add 175,000 ha of public native forest (State Forests) to the existing reserve system, creating a 315,000 ha network of protected koala habitat on public lands on the NSW mid north coast. It would protect approximately 20% of NSW remaining wild koalas.

The Great Koala National Park would deliver jobs and economic growth, tourism and recreational opportunities, protect biodiversity, build carbon capture and storage and deliver clean water.



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Did you know?

- Habitat loss is the key threat to koala survival.
- The **Great Koala National Park** proposal involves only 8.7% of the NSW public native forest estate. It does not include private land or public plantations.
- Public native forest logging in NSW makes an annual \$10-20 million loss and is propped up from the NSW public purse each year.
- The NSW public plantation sector is growing, thriving and profitable.
- We support a job for job guarantee for directly affected native forest timber workers.
- Polls show the community wants The Great Koala National Park.
- According to a University of Newcastle report (2021), over a 15 year period, **the GKNP would create 9,800 regional jobs generating \$330m in wages and \$273m in capital and operating expenditure.** It would also generate \$412 million in tourism spending.

Lets make it happen!

You can help by visiting koalapark.org.au to:

- **Register as a supporter** to receive campaign updates and calls to action.
- **Sign our online petition** (NSW residents).
- **Make a tax deductible donation** via the National Parks Association of NSW.
- **Buy cool stuff** via Affirmations Publishing House.
- **Join the Market Stall Volunteer Team** if you live in the Coffs Coast region and want to get hands-on for koalas!



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