

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

As a member of the Koala Army, I am writing to you to seek your support for a Koala Protection Act.

It has been written in conjunction with Australian and overseas lawyers and is based on the Bald Eagle Act, which sought and achieved the protection of the American icon. I do wonder why the Australian government doesn't feel that the Koala must be protected? It is after all, one of the most important Australian icons.

A Koala Protection Act will work, and will not be an impediment to industry, particularly if industry decides to do the right thing and produce excellent environmental reports. In these times of climate change and global warming, protecting Australian Koala forests is not only vital for the Koala and the millions of other species that reside in these huge forests, but crucial for the planet.

You have the power to table the Koala Protection Act for the good of the nation, indeed the globe, and I implore you to take that decision now.

I know that the Australian Koala Foundation has written to you and your Minister for the Environment, Mr Josh Frydenberg many times and you appear to be ignoring their letters. The Koala was listed under the EPBC Act in May of 2012 and a Recovery Plan was supposed to have been written and finished by 2014. It is hard to understand why you are ignoring your own legislation and we have to ask, is this to appease industry?

Have you actually considered what would happen to the Australian economy if the Koala was to disappear from the landscape? What would happen to Australian Tourism if both the Koala (and the Great Barrier Reef) were taken from our tourism portfolio? And who and what would you use for "Koala Diplomacy" when visiting dignitaries visit our country.

We seek your support to Save the Koala.