



The international organisation dedicated to
saving the koala and its habitat.

30th September 2016

The Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2000

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) I write to you to seek a meeting to discuss the plight of the Koala.

It is Save the Koala Day and over this last month, the people of the world have raised funds for the AKF and share their love of this incredible species.

The Koala was listed as Vulnerable to Extinction in May 2012 under the EPBC Act and as a result of that action a Recovery Plan was supposed to have been written and implemented by 2014.

As we approach 2017 and the plight of the Koala continues to worsen, I seek to educate you about what the AKF believes needs to be done.

We believe that a Koala Protection Act is essential. I have written to you in your previous role and you said that legislation of this nature would be too expensive.

What if I could convince you that enacting the Koala Protection Act would reduce confusion in industry, reduce costs to Government in approvals and of course, most importantly, save the habitat of the Koala. I believe I can convince you of these things.

In recent days there has been furore about the efficacy of research programs with claim and counter claim about Koala deaths. Koalas, in the AKF's view, are being taken from the landscape with little or no oversight and particularly here in South East Queensland where the current Minister has declared them to be functionally extinct, it is hard to fathom how this can be happening. The AKF seeks federal oversight on all these issues.

I seek that appointment at the soonest possible time.

Yours sincerely,

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