



The international organisation dedicated
to saving the Koala and its habitat

The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

6 February 2017

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) I am writing to provide you with three letters;

1. A letter from Dr Douglas Kerlin, Chief Ecologist of the AKF, to the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, Minister for the Environment in NSW, raising the concerns held by the AKF about a number of aspects of *The Report of the Independent Review into the Decline of Koala Populations in Key Areas of NSW: December 2016*.

2. A letter from myself to Minister Upton reiterating these concerns and again offering our expertise and maps (available on a commercial basis via Omnilink) to the NSW Government.

3. A letter from myself to the Hon Jacklyn Trad MP, Deputy Premier for Queensland and Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, registering my concerns about the released draft of the new Southeast Queensland Regional Plan (SEQRP).

And all these documents beg the following questions;

Are you asking your State colleagues to take over your role as custodian of the Koala?

Are you abrogating your responsibility as Minister when a Senate Inquiry recommended unanimously to list the Koala under the EPBC Act?

Are you aware that the Senate Inquiry was of the opinion that the States were incapable of protecting the Koala?

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Are you shirking your responsibility as Minister because you are refusing to write a Koala Recovery Plan which should have been finalised in 2014?

Are you going to take an active role in protecting the Koala in Australia?

I look forward to receiving a response from you in relation to these matters.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah Tabart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deborah Tabart OAM
Chief Executive Officer
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