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Koala Experts Telling the Federal Government How It Should Be Done

The Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) has this week submitted two documents detailing the Federal Government's failure to produce meaningful strategies to adequately protect the koala.

Authored by AKF Chief Executive Officer Deborah Tabart OAM and Chief Ecologist Dr Douglas Kerlin, the documents make formal comments on two vital Federal environment documents currently under review, the National Koala Conservation Strategy and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act.

"Koalas are not adequately protected across their natural range; State and Local legislation is failing dismally to halt steep declines, and there is no Federal legislation whatsoever that provides for the protection of the koala and its habitat," Ms Tabart said.

"Honestly, I really do hold little faith that either of these Federal Government documents are leading the way to the protection of the koala because they fail to show how they will do it.

"I hope I am wrong," Ms Tabart said.

Ms Tabart is currently the only non-Government entity on the National Koala Steering Committee.

To read the AKF's submissions to the Federal Government regarding the National Koala Conservation Strategy and the EPBC Act, please visit <https://www.savethekoala.com/policy.html>.

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