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Minister's Koalas Get Preferential Treatment

A healthy koala spotted in Climate Change and Sustainability Minister Kate Jones' Ashgrove electorate last week was removed under EPA instructions despite the State Government's refusal to intervene in similar cases occurring regularly throughout the urban landscape.

CEO of the Australian Koala Foundation Deborah Tabart OAM said the Australian Koala Foundation received calls regularly from concerned members of the community about koalas in precarious positions and the Department would not act on them unless the koala was sick or injured.

"By all accounts this koala was healthy, but it was sitting in a tree right beside a busy road.

"Wouldn't it look bad for the Minister to have a dead koala show up in her own electorate? Perhaps that is why the Department decided to act this time. If only they cared this much about every koala in the state," Ms Tabart said.

The Australian Koala Foundation has been calling for a moratorium on the removal of all trees in Southeast Queensland because of the desperate declines in the region's koala population detailed in a recent Queensland Government report.

"You would think that with one of the state's most important koala populations on the brink of extinction that they would treat every single koala and every single koala tree as precious, and yet we see continuing destruction," Ms Tabart said.

To find out ways to help the Australian Koala Foundation save our koalas, visit the website at www.savethekoala.com.

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