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Kinross Rd Development has the Potential to Endanger Koalas

A resident of Redland City has used the Australian Koala Foundation's KoalaMap to demonstrate to the Queensland Government that a proposed urban development will severely impact on koala habitat.

The plans for the Kinross Road development state that one of the main aims is to 'enhance natural environments' with a particular focus on koala conservation.

After consulting KoalaMap, Redland resident Ms Margaret Hardy, found this not to be the case.

"Mapping shows that any planned Goddard Road extension [part of the Kinross Road development] will sever primary [koala] habitat which is irreplaceable.

"Just preserving and offsetting trees will not prevent the destruction of habitual pathways. The spaces between the trees are needed for movement", said Ms Hardy.

Ms Hardy voiced her concerns in an email to the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability urging them use KoalaMap to personally assess the Kinross Road area.

Deborah Tabart OAM CEO of the Australian Koala Foundation said she is pleased that KoalaMap is working as a tool to empower the community but laments that it is not being used by Governments and City Councils in the initial planning stage of developments like these.

"Margaret's is a very fitting story for September as it is Save the Koala Month", said Ms Tabart.

"I said when KoalaMap was launched that it would be a community empowerment tool and I am so glad that we are able to provide this service to people like Margaret to assist them in their struggle to save their local koala population.

"If governments referred to our maps in the planning stages of developments such as Kinross Rd then we could have real 'koala safe' developments", said Ms Tabart.

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