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The international organisation dedicated to saving the Koala and its habitat

Cr K. Williams Redland City Mayor PO Box 21 Cleveland QLD 4163

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Dear Cr Williams,

On behalf of the Australian Koala Foundation we are sending you an assessment of what we believe will be the impact on Koala habitat after the implementation of the South East Queensland Plan.

The graphs are complex but should your planners take advantage of the information contained in them, Koala habitat in the future could be protected. It is clear to see that good quality Koala habitat is being cleared faster than other vegetation types. I personally also hold grave concerns for the amount of farmland that will be given over to development. We have made that assessment too and it is quite shocking. I also attach my letter to Minister Trad with the overall assessment of the South East Queensland Plan recommendations.

It is pretty clear that if your region wants to be Koala friendly, liveable and where food production is clean and green, these maps show that is not your future. Your future will be gridlock, housing estates and an unliveable city. It is interesting to note too that there appears to be no real strategic thinking in some of the new places to be developed and in some cases could even be perceived as a favour to a mate. After such a long time in my position here at the AKF, I know such deals are made. I just wish the public knew; sadly they still have faith in the political process.

AKF calls on you to instigate a moratorium on all Koala DA's in your LGA immediately.

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