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Leave a lasting legacy for future generations by protecting koala habitat

PROTECTING KOALA HABITAT IN THE NORTHERN RIVERS THROUGH PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS

East coast koalas have recently been listed as Endangered - one step closer to extinction due to the massive decline in populations.

Your support to restore and protect their habitat will help reverse their decline.

To the Landholder,

Seeking Expressions of Interest: Protecting koalas in the Northern Rivers

Are you interested in helping to maintain the local koala population and increase the quality of their habitat?

WWF-Australia, the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, the Biodiversity Conservation Trust and Envite Environment have partnered to invest funds and further incentivise permanent conservation agreements for private landholders to protect, restore and manage koala habitat on their land in the Northern Rivers region of NSW. The Northern Rivers supports key koala populations that are of statewide significance. This project will contribute towards securing these populations for future generations through private conservation agreements developed with the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT).

What is a Conservation Agreement?

A Conservation Agreement is an in-perpetuity voluntary agreement between the landholder and BCT to conserve and manage biodiversity on an area of your land. These agreements are registered on the land title and are binding on subsequent landholders. This option may suit you if you have areas on your land that contain high quality koala habitat and you wish to ensure those values are protected into the future.

Eligibility Criteria

- Privately owned land within the Northern Rivers shires or Councils - Lismore, Tweed, Byron, Ballina, Kyogle, Richmond Valley and Clarence Valley
- Minimum 20 hectares of moderate to good condition high quality koala habitat (koala sightings/records, mapped koala habitat and or presence of preferred koala food trees)
- Be willing to enter into an on-going conservation agreement with BCT

Funds Available

Funding of up to \$45,000 over three years is available for eligible activities within the conservation area, delivered through Envite Environment, with on-going support options thereafter. You may also be eligible for discounts on Council Rates and Land Tax depending on the Local Government area you are in.

Activities Eligible for Funding

Qualified contractors will undertake works, which may include:

- Weed control
- Fencing
- Pest animal control
- Revegetation
- Habitat restoration (nest box installation)
- Repairs to existing features such as tracks to maintain the conservation area
- Native vegetation restoration planning
- Project or grant management support

For more information

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Report sick, injured, or orphaned koalas to Friends of the Koala on 6622 1233 and sightings online at friendsofthekoala.org. For Clarence Valley, phone WIRES on 1300 094 737 and report sightings via the Clarence Valley Council Koala Register. An additional sightings tool is the NSW Government "I Spy Koala" app.



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