

The developer within the huge parcel of land of Kings Forest has many options open to them and in all fairness should be coming back to the NSW department of planning with a modification that will increase Koala habitat especially in light of the Koalas officially endangered status in this critical colony. With the Kings Forest development Leda have practiced delay tactics for many years hoping for protest fatigue from the community, and blaming the Department of Planning for their own self-created delays through modifications. The developer has the opportunity to make a difference in a positive way but continues to choose the path of making a negative impact on the land, the environment, the wildlife and the community. The developer has made a mockery of the Planning process and government restrictions to be able once again to show contempt and disdain for the very Shire and community within which they intend to work. The proposal should be rejected in its entirety.

The extensive community here in Kingscliff, Cabarita, Cudgen and surrounds within the Tweed Shire **do not want Development at any cost!** We do not want to lose our iconic wildlife and natural attractions for our community and the tourism economy of this area just because the Developer chooses to mow down more koala habitat in order to squeeze more house lots into a development and make more money. This community will be watching Sydney and the State Government to see that the government is looking and listening to NSW communities. The economy here is based largely on tourism, if the Government permits developers to build mini-cities and kill off our wildlife in the process the Government is not protecting us and our future economy. The community has an expectation that you will protect our endangered wildlife species and still be able to deliver housing for the people in an environmentally sustainable and acceptable manner not through threats and bullying from developers. The proposal should be rejected in its entirety.

This development cannot promise nor guarantee to improve this area economically, I challenge the department to confirm that the developer is restricted to who they employ to participate with this development. It is a well-known fact in this location that the developer will engage Qld workers, businesses and companies to the development of Kings Forest so let there be no misconceptions and claims made by the developer that they will be creating jobs for NSW this is a fallacy. The proposal should be rejected in its entirety.

Trying to reduce, eliminate, cut back and repeal green zones and wildlife habitat zones has a detrimental effect on both the wildlife and the humans that will live there. Within the KPOM to reduce the East West Corridor at any point from 100m down to 50m is a blatant attempt to ensure the Koalas **will not** be physically able to travel, for breeding purposes and for food. To **refuse** to plant **PRIMARY FOOD TREES** for Koalas is with all intents and purposes to ensure their demise. To refuse to plant primary food trees in compensation for habitat that will be destroyed through construction shows the contempt of a Developer with no respect or consideration for the community and the Environmental zone within which he will be working. The proposal should be rejected in its entirety

The NSW State Government must be consistent with environment policies across its different departments i.e. The NSW Department of Environment and Heritage and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment, the common denominator being the **Environment**. A determination by one department should not be overridden by another department. The Department of Environment & Heritage has spent millions of taxpayers' dollars in the last few years on the **SAVE THE SPECIES** campaign of which the Koala plays a large role. The Kings Forest Koala is an **officially endangered species**, it is a **threatened species** and also an **Iconic species**, therefore the Department of Planning must keep these important facts firmly in mind when decisions are being made on a grossly inadequate watered down K.P.O.M. which is now being proposed by the developer. This proposal is concocted by an environment company with an obvious lack of Koala Management expertise, employed by the developer to shamefully suggest that less than the original 2012 KPOM is adequate. In this instance we must be seeking the best outcome for the Koalas not the least expensive and restrictive outcome for the Developer. The proposal should be rejected in its entirety.

Leda was only granted approval for Kings Forest based on the well formulated KPOM 2012 . To now assume after a few years have passed they can reduce, repeal, and cut back from that is an insult to the community and democracy and in particular the endangered Koala of Kings Forest. To reduce the capacity of the 2012 KPOM is unjustified, the Koala population is diminishing not increasing, the only modifications the Developer should be proposing is more habitat plantings and compensation plantings and wider corridors and more underpasses and fencing not a retraction of these important factors. The proposal should be rejected in its entirety.

To not include fencing for connecting roads within the development is another attempt by the Developer to place the officially endangered Kings Forest Koala in the direct line of Vehicle strike and/or dog attack, the most common form of deaths for Koalas. Primary Food Trees for Koalas and Secondary Food Trees have no difference in cost to the Developer. Primary Food trees for Koalas and Secondary Food trees make an enormous difference to whether a Koala will live or die. Without the planting of more Primary Food trees within Cudgen Nature Reserve the Koalas will **STARVE**. The Developer has provided no purpose for refusing to plant Primary food trees and only considering planting Secondary food trees. The proposal should be rejected in its entirety.

The developer has promised the community in full page local paper advertising that they will plant primary food trees within the 27ha of Cudgen reserve, that they would protect the Koala and that we could trust them. Any attempt to modify the 2012 KPOM is a direct breach of trust and promises by the Developer towards the community. The department of Planning must do its utmost to represent the community and residents of NSW and only approve Development which is fair and just and not Development which is making a mockery of our planning laws that protect us and our wildlife. The proposal should be rejected in its entirety.

A precedence must be set by this Government that an Officially Endangered Koala colony is just that and any attempts by this developer to put profits before this fact will not be tolerated. For all the above reasons this proposal should be rejected in its entirety.

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