

Planning Services  
Department of Planning & Environment  
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attn: Director – Modification Assessments

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Kings Forest Project Application Modification – MP 08/0194 MOD 4 – Objection**

Friends of the Koala is a long-standing stakeholder in the Kings Forest Residential Subdivision Project. Our particular concern is the long-term impacts the development will have on the endangered Tweed Coast koala population. We therefore strenuously object to the proponent's application to implement a significantly weakened Koala Plan of Management.

We thank the Department for its very welcome extension of the exhibition period which has enabled our representative on the Tweed Coast Koala Management Committee to share the detailed report on the complex circumstances which have given rise to the application and its considerable short-comings (Tweed Council's Reference DA11/0565.03) prepared by Council's Senior Program Leader in Biodiversity Policy, Dr Mark Kingston.

The Tweed Coast Koala Management Committee unanimously supported Dr Kingston's very thorough report, as does Friends of the Koala. We also note that at its meeting on 3 August 2017 Tweed Shire Council resolved that Dr Kingston's report be Council's submission on the modification application.

Friends of the Koala has no more to add to Dr Kingston's robust and objective analysis or to the comprehensive recommendation he has put to the Department. There can be no disagreement that the revised Koala Plan of Management is totally unacceptable and that preparation of an independent, holistic, integrated environmental plan of management sought in the recommendation is long overdue.

The koala issues associated with the Kings Forest Project are of fundamental importance to the species' future viability along the Tweed Coast. Every effort must be made to achieve the best possible mitigation of the Project's impacts on koalas. The Council's current submission presents a reasoned way forward and has our full endorsement.

Yours sincerely

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on behalf of Friends of the Koala's  
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Friends of the Koala services the local government areas of Ballina, Byron, Kyogle,  
Lismore, Richmond Valley & Tweed.*

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2014 Marie Byles Award for most outstanding new environmental campaign  
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Byron Shire Council's 2014 World Environment Day Award (Conservation & Land Management)  
Koala Preservation Society Australia's 2017 Golden Leaf Award of Excellence– Wildlife Group*