



New South Wales Government
Independent Planning Commission

OEH MEETING AGENDA

This meeting is part of the determination process

Project: Modification to Kings Forest Residential Subdivision Koala
Plan of Management (MOD 4)
Date: Friday, 29 March 2019
Time: 9:30am
Meeting Place: Phone Conference

ATTENDEES

Commission Members: Ross Carter (Chair)
Prof Richard Mackay AM
Catherine Hird

Commission Secretariat: Brad James Senior Planning Officer
David Koppers Team Leader

OEH: Krister Waern Senior Operations Officer

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Opening Statement - Panel Chair
- IPC Questions for OEH (see attached)

Meeting Closed: 10:14am



KINGS FOREST KPOM MOD 4 - IPC QUESTIONS FOR OEH

27 ha of additional offsets in Cudgen

1. Is there a formal approval process to request offset land that could be identified in the Conditions of Consent?
2. What is a reasonable time frame to obtain such consent from OEH and/or Tweed Shire Council?
3. Is OEH comfortable with additional offsets being located with Kings Forest?
4. If so – any preferred locations?

Canopy ratios and planting density

5. Does OEH accept all planting by proponent to be primary koala food trees?
6. What are the successful criteria (KPIs) for establishment?
7. What is a reasonable time for establishment of Forest Red gum and Swamp Mahogany?
8. Is it important to have shrubs and groundcover as well as koala food trees within a koala habitat?
9. Can OEH provide advice on establishment and maintenance performance measures and triggers in terms of achieved and maintained canopy coverage rather than the more complex vegetation community approach?

Timing – onsite and offsite planting, provision of koala crossing fencing

10. Is there a preferred planting season for food trees that could influence the timing between obtaining approvals and carrying out planting?
11. What is a reasonable time to complete planting in East West Corridor (~7 ha); 27 ha of 'off site' offsets; and approximately 20 ha of onsite 'offsets' –separately or if carried out at the one time.
12. How long before a newly created food corridor or plantation be used by koalas?
13. Can OEH provide advice in relation to koala fencing of the golf course?

Koala Movement

14. What circumstances encourage daytime movement of koalas? (e.g. search for water in dry times)
15. What adaptive management procedures could be incorporated to discourage daytime movement within temporary construction areas?
16. Do you support allowing movement of koalas through the golf course?

Mix of Offset habitat to be provided on site

17. Will rising groundwater and/or increased salinity affect establishment and/or maintenance of swamp mahogany or forest red gum?

Administrative conditions – (re: proposed bond)

18. Is it reasonable to set a penalty (e.g. bond) if koala numbers within Kings Forest decline?
19. Could KPIs for establishment and maintenance of koala habitat be used as criteria to assess success of scheme and therefore a basis for any penalty

Forest redgum viability?

20. Do certain climatic conditions influence the quality of koala food trees. If so what are these?