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Modification to Kings Forest Residential Subdivision KOALA PLAN OF MANAGEMENT (MOD 4) –D544-18

Thank you for the opportunity to hear my views on the above matter. My comments on the Departments assessment report are as follows.

I believe that ,

1. Offset planting of 27ha of Koala Food Trees is not clear and is unresolved. It must be secured through binding or legal arrangement before any construction commences.
2. Entrance roads through Environmental Protection Zones must have underpasses before any construction commences. If ONLY fencing is installed without underpasses it will result in Koalas and wildlife being cut off from their natural corridor for many years.
3. The Cudgen Paddock (golf course) should not be fenced off .It was always to be part of the wildlife corridor and fencing would stop the Koalas from access to their food trees. The fencing should be placed around urban areas that abut the golf course to allow koalas and other wildlife unimpeded access to it.
4. I am concerned of the years of development on the proposed site that will impact the koalas & their movements. The machinery, noise & earthworks will inhibit the koalas movements & put them in danger. Restricting their movements will lead to long term negative effects on our koala population.

5. The Labor government has made it clear that they will act immediately to develop Kings Forest in order to relocate the Tweed Valley Hospital. I have concerns that DAs and amendments will be passed without due diligence in favour of this major infrastructure, putting our native koalas at risk of harm or extinction.

6. The Kings Forest developer has illegally cleared trees in the past and agreed to replace the loss. No trees have been planted. There has been no indication of respect for our native koalas from the developer of Kings Forest.

As a member of this community I am very passionate about protecting our endangered Tweed Coast Koalas in Kings Forest, please consider carefully the important points I have raised and include them in your final decision.

Regards

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