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Dear planning committee

Thank-you for the opportunity to express my heartfelt and passionate views about the koala management plan for the proposed Kings Forest development in Tweed Shire.

I am concerned that at present there is no legal binding agreement to commit to off-set planting of koala habitat and food source trees. This **MUST** be a legally binding agreement or otherwise these trees will not be planted and mature in time to keep the koalas alive.

The planning for the environmental protection zones does not at present include the construction of underpasses for wildlife movements. Fences will only contribute to isolating koalas, stopping their breeding and lead to their eventual sickness and threat of extinction. This must be a legal binding condition and construction of these needs to start before any further development can hamper movement.

The proposed golf course should definitely not be fenced. As this was originally proposed as part of the wildlife corridor, fencing will only restrict koalas and other wildlife in their movements and restrict access to their food trees. Fencing could be put around the urban areas **BUT NOT** the golf course.

I am extremely distressed that development is going to take place at the cost of our wildlife. Our iconic Tweed landscape, so different from the urban sprawl of the Gold Coast should not be rampant and without legally binding safeguards put in place.

I live in Pottsville where already koala numbers are diminishing due to dogs, habitat removal and increased traffic. Kings Forest needs to have safeguards put in place before any development takes place.

sincerely,

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