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Attention: Ross Carter

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We, the Cabarita Beach, Bogangar Residents Association write to outline our concerns about the Koala Plan of Management for the Kings Forest Residential Development.

1. In order to survive and preferable thrive the koalas require sufficient accessible food trees within this development area. Therefore the availability for 27ha of Koala Food Trees must be secured through binding or legal arrangement before any construction commences.

### **Background**

27ha of koala food trees were to be planted in Cudgen Nature Reserve. Action has not been taken to ensure this. The Office of Environment & Heritage or Tweed Shire Council has not been approached regarding planting of any of the 27ha's of koala food trees. Nor has any legal or binding arrangement been made to secure offset planting which is a biodiversity responsibility when dealing with fragile ecosystems.

2. To survive Koalas require access to their natural corridor during and after construction. Prior to the commencement of construction the entrance roads through Environmental Protection Zones must have underpasses.

**Background** Environment Zones are crossed by entrance roads between proposed work sites and access roads. If fencing is installed along these roads without underpasses it will result in koalas and wildlife being cut off from their natural corridors for many years. Installation of road underpasses first before construction was the intent of the original Concept Plans for Kings Forest. It is imperative that underpasses are in place prior to Construction Certificates.

3. The golf course is intended to be part of the wildlife corridor, fencing of the golf course would prevent Koalas accessing their food trees and therefore should not occur. The fencing should be placed around urban areas that abut the golf course and not impede koalas and other wildlife access to it.

### **Background**

The earthworks and creation of a golf course will cause extreme disruption to The Cudgen Paddock. As compensation the golf course was to be part of a wildlife corridor. This has been a condition of approval from the earliest Director General's Environmental assessments. Koalas in the Environmental Protection Zones adjoining the golf course need access their food trees in the golf course and to be able to cross to other EPZ's, fencing of the golf course would prevent this. It is much more appropriate and logical to place fencing around urban areas that adjoin the golf course to allow freedom of movement for koalas and wildlife within the golf course.

We submit this response and call for the abovementioned changes to be implemented.

Yours Faithfully,

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