



WORONORA VALLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Koalas in New South Wales (NSW) were declared endangered in May 2022. SUTHERLAND SHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (LGA) IS CLASSIFIED AS AN AREA OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR KOALAS. SSC HAS INITIATED A SERIES OF STRATEGIC ACTIONS TO SAFE GUARD AND ENHANCE KOALA HABITATS WITH THE GOAL OF ESTABLISHING A ROBUST SUSTAINABLE KOALA POPULATION INTO THE FUTURE. E.G. REFORESTATION, WEED REMOVAL, & HABITAT ENHANCEMENT DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN JUNE 2025 THIS YEAR. A COMMONWEALTH GRANT OF \$200 000 WAS RECEIVED BY COUNCIL IN 2023 TO IMPROVE THE EXTENT, QUALITY & CONNECTIVITY OF KOALA HABITAT. IN MAY 2023, COUNCIL REQUESTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE SEPP (State Environment Planning Policy) specifically advocating for enhanced protection measures in Sutherland Shire with still no conclusive direction on the request at this time. Being included in the SEPP would provide the highest level of protection for koalas and further funding opportunities . REGARDLESS COUNCIL HAS WORKED ON A DRAFT KOALA HABITAT MAP FOR INCLUSION IN IT'S KPOM (koala plan of management) THE DEVELOPMENT OF A KPOM IS INDEPENDENT OF SSC's INCLUSION IN THE SEPP AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE DRAFT KPOM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION IN MID 2025. THE DRAFT KPOM WILL THEN BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION ALLOWING FOR COMMUNITY INPUT AND FEED BACK TO ENHANCE KOALA PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT IN THE LGA.

COMMUNITY INPUT IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION COR076-24 MARELLE BURNUM BURNUM SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION / REPORT AT COUNCIL ON 11/11/24: WITH A FURTHER FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO HOPEFULLY BE INCLUDED:

- COUNCIL URGENTLY PUSH THE STATE GOV FOR SSC'S INCLUSION IN THE SEPP
- SUBJECT TO ANY DA APPROVAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST CONSULT WITH genuine groups with no conflict of interest and /or pecuniary interest such as:

SYDNEY BASIN KOALA NETWORK
ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS' OFFICE
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE
SUTHERLAND SHIRE ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

This is to avoid inaccurate or missing data which unfortunately occurred with Wollondilly and Campbelltown development resulting in a devastating outcome for koalas with 44% of data missing! KOALA HOSPITAL IN OUR SHIRE FOR the treatment release and education of koalas to be linked in with WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY / Loftus TAFE assisting veterinary students. INDIGENOUS INPUT AND CONSULTATION Regarding totems and Indigenous Lore. First Nation people were the successful caretakers for 65,000 years and up. RESPECTING & PRESERVING COUNTRY MEANS WE ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATION CULTURE & LORE

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