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COMMUNITY campaigners fired up their drone at the weekend in search of koalas at the threatened Woogaroo Forest – and they were not disappointed.

Several more koalas were observed in the lush treetops of the forest on Friday afternoon at the Brookwater forest where developer Stockland proposes to build tens of hundreds of houses on 160ha.

Previously, Stockland employed planners Saunders Havill to comb the area for wildlife and conduct a report into its findings.

Their report returned no sightings of the endangered species, only scats.

A Save Woogaroo Forest resident said simply: “Isn’t it strange that the company planning to bulldoze this forest say they’ve never seen koalas here during their rigorous environmental surveys?”

Another resident quoted a proverb from the Native American Cree tribe: “Only when the last tree has died, and the last river been poisoned, and the last fish been caught will we realise we cannot eat money.”

See the awe-inspiring footage of the koalas on the *Ipswich Tribune* website before heavy machinery flattens their homes forever.

Find the Save Woogaroo Forest group on Facebook and sign the petition here, at <https://shorturl.at/61eOL>

