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LOCALS fighting to stop Ipswich losing more precious bushland for yet more cookie cutter estates received hoots of support during a roadside protest at Brookwater last week.

Save Woogaroo Forest campaigners dressed up as koalas and held banners aloft to make a stand against Stockland's plans to clear fell 160ha of bush for 1,800 homes at the proposed Springview Estate Villages 2 and 3 development.

The land at 7001 Mur Boulevard, 7006 Panorama Drive and 1 Telopea Way, Springfield, is a critical habitat for not only koalas and powerful owls but more than 130 species including echidnas, platypus, brush-tailed phascogales and sugar gliders.

One Brookwater local said: "We received loads of hoots, thumbs up and claps from motorists who were clearly in support of the campaign.

"Our petition now stands at 9,445 which is close to our 10,000 shorter goal, but we really want to get to 15,000."

The next peaceful roadside demonstration will be held at Springfield near the corner of Springfield Parkway and Woodcrest Way on Friday at 4.30pm.

Sign the petition at www.change.org/p/tanya-plibersek-save-the-koalas-of-woogaroo-forest-ipswich-queensland-australia

