

March 18, 2019  
Yvonne Gardiner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Modification to Kings Forest Residential Subdivision KOALA PLAN OF  
MANAGEMENT (MOD 4) -D544-18

Thank you for the opportunity to hear my views on the above matter. My comments on the department's assessment report are as follows.

I believe that ,

1. Offset planting of 27ha of koala food trees is not clear and is unresolved. It must be secured through binding or legal arrangement before any construction starts. Trees essential for the koalas survival must be mature, so any new plantings will take years to be of any use. Furthermore, I believe that tree-clearing should be kept to an absolute minimum.
2. Entrance roads through environmental protection zones must have underpasses before any construction starts. If ONLY fencing is installed without underpasses, it will result in koalas and wildlife being cut off from their natural corridor for many years.
3. The Cudgen Paddock (golf course) should not be fenced off .It was always to be part of the wildlife corridor and fencing would stop the koalas from access to their food trees. The fencing should be placed around urban areas that abut the golf course to allow koalas and other wildlife unimpeded access to it.
4. I think it is about time that koala-friendly developments were compulsory on residential/commercial sites in the Tweed and any other koala habitat in Australia. I live at Koala Beach, set up by forward-thinking and environmentally conscious developers about 20 years ago. Wherever there are koalas, this form of development should be mainstream. Koalas are in such low numbers, and dying rapidly from disease, dog attacks, traffic accidents, etc, we must do all we can to protect them. Their future is in our hands.

As a member of this community, I am very passionate about protecting our endangered Tweed Coast koalas in Kings Forest. Please consider carefully the important points I have raised and include them in your final decision.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
[REDACTED]