



To whom it may concern,

**NSW Office of Environment and Heritage Koala Field Surveys**

Applied Ecology Pty Limited have been contracted by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) to undertake koala field surveys in your area. Chief investigators are Anne Carey, Meredith Brainwood and Caroline Forest.

Koala field surveys are currently being conducted across priority areas of NSW as part of the NSW Koala Strategy. The data collected will contribute to the development of the Koala Habitat Information Base, a key action of the Strategy, and will help improve our knowledge about koala habitat and koala occurrence in NSW. The surveys will run until the end of June 2019 and are being carried out by professional ecological contractors.

For further information about the NSW Koala Strategy, please visit [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/koalas](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/koalas).

If you have any questions regarding the survey project, please contact me at: [Rena.Hockey@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Rena.Hockey@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Kind regards

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To the Landholder

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Applied Ecology has been contracted by the Office of Environment & Heritage to undertake koala surveys at selected sites in the central west and tablelands. A total of 150 survey sites have been randomly selected. Your property has been preselected for a survey. A letter of authority is attached to this letter with links to information about the project and OEH contacts. Your participation is entirely voluntary.

Surveys are conducted over a small area involving examination of 30 trees for use by koalas at the selected site. The survey would require us to be at the site for approximately 45 minutes plus travel time. The location of the survey site on your property will be forwarded prior to the survey, although we may change this if there are issues with access or availability of the right vegetation. Surveys are scheduled to begin in mid April 2019.

As rural residents in the Central Tablelands we are aware of biosecurity issues that apply when accessing rural properties, and have adopted the protocols described in the Local Land Services 'General Biosecurity Duty for Field Visits' to protect your property during field surveys.

Before the survey we will need the following information to facilitate the project:

- Do you have additional biosecurity controls or requirements on your property?
- Do we need to meet someone on the property to gain access?
- Do we need to book a time beforehand or can we contact someone by mobile phone from the property gate?

Please provide answers to these questions by calling Kate Cordes on 0417 272 894 or emailing [katiecordes@appliedecology.com.au](mailto:katiecordes@appliedecology.com.au). If you do not want to be involved please let us know as soon as possible so we can find an alternate location for the survey.

If you have seen koalas on or near your property, and can provide information about approximate dates and locations of sightings and/or photos please let us know.

Applied Ecology's field staff will follow up this correspondence approximately one week prior to surveys in your area – depending on progress this could be April or May 2019. At this point we will liaise with you regarding the location of our proposed survey site and timing of the survey.

Thank you  
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