

I would like to support the motion proposed by Sarah Hanson Young regarding the Federal Government being able to impose a moratorium on developments that will harm koala habitat.

The NSW State Government can no longer be relied on to protect threatened species there are now only 6400 hectares of the original 120,000 hectares of Cumberland Plain Woodland left and yet the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan, Mount Gilead and the Macarthur Growth Plan will destroy at least 2000 hectares of this Critically Endangered Woodland and leave it fragmented and possibly unviable

Although the Campbelltown koala population was mentioned in the National Koala Recovery Plan as one of if not the last large, expanding and Chlamydia free population left in NSW and the NSW koala strategy as a priority population for protection, this koala population has now been sliced into segments the first to the north of Airds and then the Airds Bradbury Renewal Scheme has blocked movement between the now fragmented koala population to the south.

Koalas within the Smiths Creek Reserve have now been isolated and find it almost impossible to move in or out of the Reserve.

At least 24 koalas have had to be rescued from the Airds Bradbury Renewal Scheme as development moves through the suburb and all mature trees are destroyed.

The NSW government has announced they will install the Upper Georges Koala Park along part of the Georges River it will take up to 34 years to put in place, and

although 1,100 hectares of this land is already owned by the crown the CPCP states that it will take 10 years until this land can be included within the park.

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