

Submission to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee.



The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021 seeks to amend parts of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) to introduce a moratorium on the clearing of koala habitat. It would prevent the Minister from approving an action under the EPBC Act where that action consists of or involves the clearing of koala habitat, as well as remove the exemption of Regional Forest Agreements from requirements of the EPBC Act where there is, may, or is likely to be a significant impact on koalas.

We know that the survival of the koala as a species depends on the survival of its habitat. In the light of threats to koala habitat from many different quarters, including urban development, agriculture, climate change, logging and mining, I believe that this Amendment is a necessary move to protect the koala from extinction. Along the way, it will help ensure the survival of other species including humans.

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