

Department of Planning and Environment  
Northern Councils E zone Review Interim Report

I would like to submit the following points;

Team Koala supports the endorsement of E zones to protect areas with important environmental values. We consider that the areas of Koala habitat as identified in the Tweed Coast Koala Habitat Study (2010) definitely fulfil this criteria. These areas include core Koala Habitat and corridors which link the areas and extend to habitat to the west and south.

The E2 criteria which includes Endangered Ecological Communities (such as lowland eucalypt communities), Threatened Species habitat, Mitchell Landscapes and over-cleared coastal vegetation communities **are supported**.

The E2 criteria **requires inclusion** of Core Koala Habitat as defined in SEPP44, linkages in rural landscapes, public bushland reserves, vegetation with conservation covenants and vegetation identified for conservation as negotiated through the development process e.g Kings Forest, Koala Beach.

The E3 criteria appears to have overlap with E2 when applied in Tweed Shire. Land with environmental values which remains after mapping of the E2 land as per the criteria should then be considered for inclusion as E2 to provide essential links for movement of fauna and flora.

The Tweed Shire Terrestrial Biodiversity Overlay is supported for inclusion as part of the Review.

Tweed Shire Council has detailed mapping and documentation to support the inclusion of all Koala habitat and corridors.

The outcome of the Ezone review is critical to the long term survival of Koalas in Tweed Shire.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to the E zone Review

Yours sincerely



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Comments

IT IS IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH HELPING  
THE KOALAS SURVIVAL IN OUR AREA. THE CHANGES THAT  
SHOULD BE MADE FOR THE EZONE REVIEW CANNOT  
BE IGNORED. IF THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO COMMIT  
FULLY TO PROTECTING THEM, NOT JUST WRITTEN  
WORDS, IT TAKES ACTION, AMENDMENTS, ADJUSTMENTS  
TO SHOW DETERMINATION TO GET IT RIGHT, BEFORE ITS TOO  
LATE!