

Meeting agenda

Koala Advisory Council

Details

Subject	Koala Advisory Council
Chair	Mark Townend
Meeting Type	Council Meeting
Date and location	Wednesday 15 th April – Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting
Timing	10:00am – 11:30am

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Mark Townend	Spinal Life Australia
Chris Aston	Planning Group, Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
Geoff Lundie-Jenkins	Conservation and Biodiversity Operations, Department of Environment and Science (Proxy for Kirstin Kenyon)
Cameron Costello	Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
Lawrence Swan	Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
Jonathan Rhodes	University of Queensland - School of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Science
Julie McLellan	Healthy Land and Water
Kirsty Chessher-Brown	Urban Development Institute of Australia
Kristy Gooding	Local Government Association of Queensland
Crystal Baker	Local Government Association of Queensland
Marina Vit	MOSAIC Property Group
Mick Stephens	Timber Queensland
Ramses Zietek	Program Delivery and Operations, Department of Transport and Main Roads
Rosie Booth	Australia Zoo

Speakers

Name	Organisation
Alex Graham	Department of Environment and Science
Catherine George	Department of Environment and Science

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Bill Ellis	University of Queensland
Kirsten Kenyon	Department of Environment and Science
Omitted in error from invitation list:	
Revel Pointon	Environmental Defenders Office (proxy for Gemma Plesman, The Wilderness Society)

Departmental support

Name	Organisation
Landon Brady (minutes)	Department of Environment and Science
Catherine George	Department of Environment and Science
Zoe Kemp	Department of Environment and Science
Alex Graham	Department of Environment and Science
Audrey Pershouse	Department of Environment and Science

Items

Item #	Discussion
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Welcome from Chair and other business

Mark Townend

Acknowledgement of Country

- Cameron Costello acknowledges the traditional owners past, present and emerging.

Apologies and introduce proxies

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- Attendees and proxies introduced themselves.

Endorse minutes from previous meeting

- Chris Aston endorsed minutes, seconded by Cameron Costello.

Conflicts of interest

- The Chair asked KAC members if they had any conflict of interests that should be raised. None
- Reference was made to the TOR.

Outcomes of consultation process

Catherine George

- Map Validation
 - Discussion on the koala habitat map validation process
 - The table below outlines the resolutions on the koala habitat map validation process

That KAC
1 Request koala habitat mapping errors are addressed to ensure a mapping product that can withstand scrutiny
2 Request details of the process for ongoing improvements to the koala habitat map

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- Draft Strategy
 - Discussion on the process and outcomes of the consultation on the draft South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy
 - Discussion on issues raised by South East Queensland local governments
 - The table below outlines the resolutions on the consultation process and outcomes
 - A recommendation was made to provide formal acknowledgement of written submissions and provide feedback on subsequent amendments to the Strategy, particularly for local government submissions

That KAC
3. Request a copy of the consultation report to allow members to provide feedback to their stakeholders

Finalising the Strategy

Alex Graham

- Discussion on the changes to the Strategy, as a result of consultation
- Discussion on the amended targets included in the Strategy
- The table below outlines the resolutions on the consultation process and outcomes

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That KAC
4 Request that DES investigate an evidence based, 5 year target for rehabilitation and report back to KAC
5 Request that DES review the threat reduction target and report back to KAC. The revised target should be a more ambitious target and better reflect disease as a threat.
6 Request that the Strategy clarifies that an implementation plan will be prepared
7 Request that a definition of threat hotspot is prepared

Role of the KAC moving forward

Alex Graham

- Discussion on the role of the KAC and meeting processes
- The table below outlines the resolutions on the role of the KAC during implementation

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That KAC
8 Requests an ongoing role in monitoring and evaluation
9 Requests clarification on the governance and escalation process for red or amber actions

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Closing remarks

Mark Townend

Action

Item #	Action	Responsible	Status	Due Date
1	Forward KAC member mapping issues to Herbarium for review	DES	Complete	30 May 2020
2	Provide details on the process for ongoing improvements to the koala habitat map	DES	Underway	8 May 2020
3	Circulate the consultation report to KAC members	DES	Complete	30 April 2020

4	Review target for koala habitat restoration and report back to KAC	DES, in consultation with relevant KAC members	Underway	30 April 2020
5	Review target for threat reduction and report back to KAC	DES, in consultation with relevant KAC members	Underway	30 April 2020
6	Review the Strategy to clarify that an implementation plan will be developed.	DES	Underway	30 April 2020
7	Define the term hotspot if used in the strategy	DES, in consultation with relevant KAC members	Underway	30 April 2020
8	Record an role for KAC in monitoring and evaluation	DES,	Noted	30 April 2020
9	Provide clarification to KAC on the governance and escalation process for red or amber actions	DES, in consultation with relevant KAC members	Underway	30 April 2020

Next meeting

Date	October 2020
Time	TBA
Location	TBA