

# Meeting minutes

## Koala Advisory Council

### Details

<b>Subject</b>	Koala Advisory Council Meeting No. 4
<b>Chair</b>	Mark Townend
<b>Meeting type</b>	Council meeting
<b>Date and location</b>	20 May 2019 State Library, Heritage Collections Learning Room on level 4
<b>Timing</b>	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
<b>Distribution</b>	External

### Koala Advisory Council attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Mark Townend	RSPCA Queensland
Barbara Ryan on behalf of Chris Aston	Planning Group, Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
Brent Smith on behalf of Kirstin Kenyon	Conservation and Biodiversity Operations, Department of Environment and Science
Cameron Costello	Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
Gemma Plesman	Wilderness Society
Isabel Tarrago	Cultural Heritage, 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	Natural Assets and NRM, 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

## Departmental staff and other guests

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Beth Clouston	Department of Environment and Science
Catherine George	Department of Environment and Science
Christine Shewell	Department of Environment and Science
Crystal Baker	Local Government Association of Queensland
Karen Kenny	Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
Laura Affleck	Department of Environment and Science
Leonie Seabrook	Department of Environment and Science
Mary-Anne Hunter	Department of Premier and Cabinet
Rob Hughes	Department of Environment and Science
Steven Howell	Department of Environment and Science

## Apologies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Al Mucci	Dreamworld Wildlife Foundation

## Items

Item #	Discussion
1.	<p><b>Welcome from Chair (Mark Townend)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome to Country was delivered by Cameron Costello</li><li>• Apologies were received for the following members:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Al Mucci</li><li>○ Kirstin Kenyon</li><li>○ Chris Aston</li></ul></li><li>• Kirstin Kenyon sent Brent Smith as a proxy for Department of Environment and Science</li><li>• Chris Aston sent Barbara Ryan as a proxy for Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning</li><li>• Minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed Mark Townend and seconded by Isabel Tarrago</li><li>• No additional conflicts of interest were disclosed</li></ul>
2.	<p><b>The significance of koalas to Traditional Owners (Isabel Tarrago and Cameron Costello)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set up a Traditional Owners (TO) group in the SEQ and come up with ideas for how we can develop and implement the Koala Conservation Strategy</li><li>• Note that individual TO making a difference on their individual lands</li><li>• SEQ regional plan was the first process – engagement with TO – recognition and role of the government to work with TOs</li><li>• Want to be driving the work that they are doing, for example, they are driving the World Heritage actions on Country</li><li>• Importance of engagement with, and recognition of, TO at the start of the process</li><li>• If implemented correctly great policy will come out of this process</li><li>• Bushfire management and planning being led by TO on Country</li><li>• Requires a lot of communication – understanding the philosophies of each other</li></ul>
3.	<p><b>Habitat modelling (Steven Howell)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A representative of the Department of Environment and Science presented a summary of the habitat modelling process. The Council discussed the confidential mapping.</li></ul>
4.	<p><b>Updated South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update provided by representative of the Department of Environment and Science to outline how the previous comments of the Koala Advisory Council have been incorporated into the updated strategy.</li><li>• There was a discussion on the issue of dog control and the complexity of different issues in different areas.</li></ul>
5.	<p><b>Proposed clearing controls for koala habitat (Karen Kenny)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A representation from the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning presented an overview of proposed new clearing controls to be included in the Koala Conservation Strategy.</li><li>• Confidential discussion followed</li></ul>
6.	<p><b>External review of koala habitat mapping (Catherine George)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DES to engage a consultant to review:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mapping errors</li><li>○ Sites and dwellings which are likely to be delayed</li><li>○ Impact on dwelling yield, and supply targets contained with ShapingSEQ</li><li>○ Additional offset implications and financial impact</li></ul></li><li>• Case study – Redlands have TO do their koala surveys on the island</li><li>• Can include new sightings/vegetation information in the next version of the mapping</li><li>• Need collaboration between local and state government moving forward for data collection and mapping</li></ul>
7.	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engage with stakeholders through Gemma</li></ul>

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- Scope for mapping review within the next few days – Consultant to deliver a report back to the KAC via DES
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## Action

Item #	Action	Responsible	Status	Due Date
1	Return the confidentiality deed to DES	All members		25 May 2019
2	Overlay koala habitat mapping with cultural heritage / Native Title layers	DES (Qld Herbarium)		1 July 2019
3	Overlay koala habitat mapping with local government boundaries	DES (Qld Herbarium)		1 July 2019
4	Overlay koala habitat mapping with PDAs and SDAs	DES (Qld Herbarium)		1 July 2019
5	Conduct separate consultation with local government through LGAQ	DES and LGAQ		30 July 2019

## Next meeting

<b>Date</b>	30 July 2019
<b>Time</b>	10am
<b>Location</b>	State Library