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Koala Rescue Plan for SEQ

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan MP has welcomed the Blich Government's decision to take tough new measures to protect South East Queensland koalas.

"The semi rural areas surrounding Ipswich have substantial koala populations. It is imperative that we do everything in our power to ensure that these iconic animals are protected" Ms Nolan said.

These new measures include:

- Immediate adoption of an interim State Planning Regulatory Provision followed by a Koala Planning Policy to assess development applications in koala habitat in the Urban Footprint.
- Commitment to a net gain of koala habitat in SEQ by 2020
- \$2million for habitat mapping in SEQ. (NSW border to Noosa, west to Toowoomba)
- \$10million to retrofit koala crossings on Main Roads at koala kill hot spots
- Commitment to koala friendly design for all Main Roads through koala habitat. This includes fencing and over and under passes
- Freeze on disposal of or clearing of State land not needed for urgent social infrastructure until assessment of it's koala values are undertaken
- Provide a draft Local Law to Councils in relation to dog control and tree preservation

"If we don't act then instead we are choosing to have these precious species killed by habitat loss and attack by ordinary people's pets" Ms Nolan said.

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