

Eight-step Plan to save inland NSW Koalas

1. Creation of the Western Woodlands Koala Park
2. Cessation of all logging in native forests and a rapid transition to plantations
3. Addition of high value State Forests and Crown lands to the Koala Park
4. Creation of a new Western Woodlands Landscape Restoration Trust offering employment to all Forestry Corporation and mining employees and contractors for new landscape plantings to combat salinity, protect catchments, assist wildlife species recovery, combat climate change impacts and establish some new plantations to assist subregional economies.
5. No further woodlands cleared for coal mining or coal seam gas extraction including road construction and other supporting infrastructure.
6. Retention and strengthening of native vegetation legislation to minimise land clearing
7. Significant tax incentives to private land owners not to clear woodlands and payment of realistic costs and stewardship expenses for those prepared to dedicate their land for conservation.
8. Identification of key areas of crown and private lands where Koala habitat can be enhanced and connectivity increased and the payment of special value over and above market value to landowners willing to sell critical koala habitat, crucial buffer and link area for addition to the Park.