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Submission: Protection of habitat of koala populations is the only way to save them for the future. The Campbelltown/Wedderburn Koala Colony in southwest Sydney is the only chlamydia-free colony that is healthy and growing, but only so long as they have habitat to grow in. Removing it will ensure their extinction, but there are lots of stages in between now and then. One that is very significant is the development of bushlands near their colony. They are mortally at risk from car strike, dog attack and numerous other things that come with people. Exclusion fencing can interrupt their normal patterns of breeding. We used to see koala in our area of Menai in the early 70's, but all the development that took place then has led to their disappearance. The first consideration before any development or rezoning, even planning, should be a thorough assessment of koalas present on any land. If there are koala present, NO development done without assuring that they are the first consideration, not the last. We are unique in the world with our wildlife and the loss of this species would be a failure we could never recover from. We have a bad reputation for extinction of species and "Koalatown" will fail to even appear if the furry friends are driven away by too many humans. Please don't let this happen.

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