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OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE HELL BENT ON KILLING KOALAS

In the last century, millions of koalas were slaughtered for their fur. All the killing was permitted by the Australian governments.

It was only when the US stepped in and banned the fur that the dreadful killings were stopped.

Australia's koalas have never recovered from the slaughter. How could they? Researchers have documented up to 600,000 koalas were killed in a day.

In 2025, the state governments of NSW, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia are pursuing similar policies pursuing koala extinction. No, they're not after koala fur, but their habitats, coastal forest ecosystems are in the way of growth. Plans for 50 million population will require houses, shopping malls, infrastructure, mining, power poles and more. Let's not forget exporting woodchips to China.

Are these the reasons why neither Albanese or Dutton have any regard for the environment much less the koala? Instead, focusing on growth at any cost, ensuring there will be no legal barriers to the ongoing destruction of koala habitats.

POLITICAL LEADERS IGNORE THE CRISES

Greens leader Adam Bandt never talks about the environment or koalas. The response from the federal Australian Greens leader can only be described as pathetic. Independent members (Teals) of the Federal parliament have been far more outspoken and active but mainstream media fails to report their efforts.

Given that the majority of mainstream media is now owned by Murdoch's News Ltd, a stridently anti-environmental corporation, busy denying climate change, misinforming the public who are denied the horror of what's happening to Koalas.

We are facing a criminal war against a defenceless species. Corrupt



governments are doing their best to persuade the voting public they are doing something, dishing out mountains of strategies, papers, proposals, recovery teams, all focused on doing nothing of any significance.

Mapping koala habitats has been done over and over again. Millions and millions of dollars have been granted for chlamydia research when any carer will tell you that stress causes chlamydia. Stress as result of their habitats being bulldozed, leaving koalas with no food or shelter trees, just a barren environment denying them any survival.

Koalas are suffering. Injured, sick, frightened, starving, with no future save the odd zoos or shelters.

Gentle animals with no defences against the human predators. Our governments.

We are witnessing a repeat of the massive wipe of koalas which took place last century.

Combined with a massive cover-up, supported by endless lies and impossible restrictions on legal challenges.



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LEGAL SITUATION

AFA has spent years with teams of lawyers attempting to find a chink in the legal barriers. The reality? There is no legislation in any state or at the federal level which protects koalas or their habitat.

The upgrading to endangered status in NSW and Queensland is meaningless as no protection has been provided in recognition of this status.

There are constant rumours that the long promised Great Koala National Park will finally be declared by the NSW government. But this was promised to happen in December. And earlier and earlier, the delay allowing intensive

logging of the proposed Park.

If, as AFA has heard, the Park's boundaries are declared after Australia Day by the Minns' government, it's pretty clear the Park will have shrunk, that logging will continue until a certain date creating a next to useless Park. In any event, the proposed Park has been logged and logged, koala habitat, corridors and connectivity bulldozed. Massive tracts of native

forest declared plantations with no legal challenges available.

Many koalas are in the now declared "plantation areas" with literally zero protection and no possibility of legal challenges.

Remember there is not ONE SINGLE PARK specifically for koalas in any state. There are no climate refuges because there's no government recognition of climate



change impacts on koalas.

Impacts which will see the species starve because the leaves of preferred eucalypts dry out leaving them with no adequate food source.

AFA IS ON THE JOB

So what is AFA doing? The charity has been furiously working with scientists and lawyers as we seek ways to stop this dreadful war against the innocent.

AFA is undertaking a massive research project detailing the laws in every koala state as well as federal laws which completely fail to protect koalas and their habitat. Many of the laws block any public challenges, particularly relating to forestry operations.

Once this project is completed, we will be able to provide a critically important international group of lawyers with the evidence of Australia's legal neglect. The governments are almost certainly in breach of international conventions which Australia has ratified, conventions which require protection of wildlife.

It's vitally important to document the absolute failure of the laws of Australia to protect the species.

Koalas are an umbrella species for coastal forest ecosystems, the loss of habitat includes huge losses of biodiversity.

Australia has the worst record in the world for mammal extinction. In the 2019-2020 wildfires, 60,000 koalas died, many incinerated. What have the governments done to ensure their survival? Have they stopped logging native forests? No.

If anyone thinks that Victoria has stopped logging, AFA is here to tell you it's still going on.

Even worse, koalas in the huge number of blue gum plantations have no protection in spite of the Victorian claiming its Koala Management Plan works. When the plantations are harvested, koalas die dreadful deaths.



Queensland is a disgrace. The government, whether Labor or Coalition has demonstrated its utter contempt for koalas as habitat after habitat are destroyed for massive urbanisation projects.

In NSW, it's a national disaster. Logging continues at breakneck speed in native forests where koalas have their only respite from the ongoing destruction.

Massive urbanisation projects in southwest Sydney are creating significant mortality as corporations bulldoze trees, clear felling habitat for residences – to accommodate the massive growth promised by the Labor government (and previous Coalition government).

Then there's the population estimates. What a joke. A government guessing game which has no basis in any scientifically acceptable methodology.

Before the Albanese government came to power, the federal governments species data base recorded and published the population estimates for NSW and Queensland. These estimates demonstrated catastrophic losses – even before the bushfires.

What did Labor do? They removed the data. So there's no federal record of the huge declines in population. Instead funding CSIRO to produce national and state estimates which are complete nonsense. Fortunately AFA has the evidence.

AFA'S RESEARCH IS CRITICAL

All the evidence of the appalling destruction state and federal governments are actually doing must be compiled.

AFA is also gathering information on all the grants made for koala research in all koala states, the totals are mind-boggling with no audits or accountability.

It's important to remember that one of the legal challenges, organised by the North East Forest Alliance against the Federal government's failure to protect endangered species in the NSW native forests, was lost. BUT.. in the judgement, the judge wrote that any changes in the federal government system

would only come about through political action.

In other words, the public must lobby the major political parties for change. So much for the courts.

The failure to protect the koala by legislation is a testimony of a real horror story which includes not just the looming extinction of koalas and other fauna but appalling threats to democracy. When governments won't listen to the voting public, when they make promises which they don't keep, people get angry.

When the value of our wildlife heritage is denied by governments, the only conclusion is that Australia's long history of corrupt governments continues to this day.

AFA needs your help like never before. Our Koala Crisis Facebook page is getting thousands of hits as we spread the message far and wide.

***For the Animals,
Sue Arnold & Friends***

