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# Clearing strategy sending our koalas towards extinction

HAD the car in front of me not swerved so suddenly I would never have known what a predicament the koala was in.

When it comes to my koala sightings it's always on the highway opposite North Lakes. It's the first time I've seen a koala run across a busy road.

Thank God I missed him, too. He made it across the first four lanes to the median strip and on to the northbound lanes.

As luck would have it there was a break in the traffic big enough for this wayward marsupial to get to safety.

It made me think of a statement from Australia Zoo.

Where North Lakes is concerned, had they cleared the suburb from the highway back it would have driven the koalas into the bush at the rear.

However that wasn't done and the koalas in there are still being forced toward the highway one by one, adding to their eventual extinction.

## Virtual pollution

BOTH Julia and Bob Brown, our dual prime ministers, are very happy with the fact that the carbon tax legislation has passed through the Senate.

Personally, I don't understand. Does that mean we still export coal to countries like China who simply burn it and create greenhouse gases on our behalf on the other side of the world?

## Hands together

IT'S McHappy Day and what a wonderful cause it is. We all put our small change in the counter containers throughout the year at Macca's with the money going towards Ronald McDonald House.

I bought a couple of hands at McDonalds Morayfield at \$1 each and overheard the young

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## Dave's Imbil garage

HIS name is Dave and he runs the garage at Imbil in the Mary Valley.

"I'm sorry, luv," said his wife on the phone. "He's out on a breakdown."

That's Dave. He could be up to his armpits in grease and wheel nuts and you could walk in with a flat tyre.

Dave simply drops everything, washes his hands and fixes it on the spot.

He's country to the bone, more friendly than polite and works at his own pace.

"Can I pick up the Datsun?" I asked. "Oh, give him another day, luv," was the reply. "He's got a funeral to go to this afternoon, darlin'."

Dave's just as likely to say he couldn't get to it today because his neighbour's cow got out.

And I love how he still calls his workplace, Dave's Garage.

