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Do your bit to help our koalas

2012 is already racing by so, before we lose sight of 2011, it is important to reflect on the significant things that happened in the past 12 months and decide what will happen in the next.

This summary from KoalaDiaries.com.au Co-founder, Coast resident Carolyn Beaton, is well worth consideration:

“2011 was a tough year for our koala population. In my own Sunshine Coast community the roll call of koala deaths, sickness and injuries was long, and observations of the recruitment and birth of youngsters very few.

“I know that this is the sad reality for many other koala populations too. Yet, as we look down the barrel of 2012, there might, at long last, be some respite for the koala in sight.

“The Federal Environment Minister, Tony Burke, is currently considering whether to list the koala as a nationally threatened species.

“In his deliberations, he is also reviewing the recommendations made following the recent Senate Inquiry that investigated the status, health and sustainability of Australia’s koala population.

“Arguably, the kindest gift you could give to our koalas would be to send an email to Mr Burke urging him to make a decision in the affirmative.

“The Minister’s email address is tony.burke.mp@environment.gov.au.”