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Koalas protected on Fraser Coast

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KOALAS on the Fraser Coast have been protected under national environmental protection laws.

The Federal Government listed koala populations throughout parts of Australia as "vulnerable" under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act.

One of the areas included was the Fraser Coast, and the Department of Sustainability and Environment advised that this was due to koalas being "under threat from vegetation loss, vehicle strike and predation by dogs as a result of urban expansion, particularly in coastal regions."

The Department said the listing was unlikely to affect Fraser Coast homeowners who might wish to manage the vegetation on their own property.

"At the householder level, minor activities, such as cutting down a single tree on private land in an area where koalas are listed as vulnerable are unlikely to require federal environment approval."

Fraser Coast residents can help protect local koalas by making sure their dogs don't roam at night and being careful when driving through koala habitat.

Known habitats for koalas on the Fraser Coast include the back of Wondunna and corridor from Tiaro to Tinana.



New environmental protection laws have been created to protect koalas across the Fraser Coast.

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