



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture,
Water and the Environment**

Koala conservation projects

Location	Recipient (delivery partner)	Project title and description	Funding
QLD	Healthy Land and Water Ltd	<p>SEQ Koala Habitat Restoration and Landscape Resilience Improvement</p> <p>This project will enable activities within the top 4 Investment Framework for Environmental Resources priority sites: North Pine, Grandchester, Lake Manchester and Flinders Peak. Healthy Land and Water will partner with public and private land managers to protect and restore priority Koala habitat through on-ground actions such as weed control, supported natural regeneration, managed grazing pressures and implementing fire management actions in these landscapes.</p>	\$2,000,000
QLD	Fitzroy Basin Association Inc	<p>Clarke-Connors Range Koala Climate Change Refugia</p> <p>This project will involve land manager surveys to identify knowledge of Koalas, capture existing management practices, and to identify land managers willing to conduct on-ground works or attend workshops to develop property fire management plans and improve their knowledge of Koala conservation. On-ground works, including pest plant control and assisted regeneration of native vegetation and habitat augmentation, will be undertaken. A Koala habitat health check will be conducted at each site to measure progress and identify future conservation activities.</p>	\$1,000,000
QLD and NSW	World Wide Fund for Nature - Australia	<p>Restoration of Koala Corridors in the Northern Rivers and SEQ</p> <p>This project delivers Koala habitat restoration and revegetation projects to establish landscape connectivity and climate dispersal routes in over-cleared and burnt landscapes for priority Koala meta-populations within the NSW Northern Rivers region and Southeast Queensland. The project will increase the capacity of local groups and farmers and provides employment of Indigenous people and community volunteer opportunities.</p>	\$2,380,000
NSW	Hunter Local Land Services	<p>Koala Recovery in the Hunter</p> <p>This project will be the first regional Koala project in the Hunter for strategic habitat protection and enhancement within the Mid Coast and Lower Hunter Areas of Regional Koala Significance, and includes three partner initiatives:</p>	\$1,710,000

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		Koala Safe Places, Paddock Regeneration for Habitat Connectivity and Kirrawak Post Wildfire Management Restoration. Recovery and expansion of habitat will be supported by a survey of recovering Koala populations, seed collection, and a landholder education and incentives program to support Koala habitat restoration sites on private lands within corridor and linkage areas. Priority areas will also be identified through the Mid Coast Koala Plan, including public and indigenous lands. Key initiatives include Koala surveys, regeneration and revegetation and protection of habitat through fencing, weed control and fire management.	
NSW	Northern Tablelands Local Land Services	<p>Cool Country Koalas</p> <p>This project will focus on delivering actions in 2019-20 bushfire affected areas and parts of the Northern Tablelands that have been identified as Areas of Regional Koala Significance. The project will revegetate areas with Koala food trees and install Koala drinking stations to assist in dry times. Improved grazing regimes and invasive weed control on Travelling Stock Reserves will enable natural regeneration of native species. This project will deliver strong community engagement and partner with farmers, Landcare Networks, Universities and Aboriginal groups.</p>	\$855,000
NSW	North Coast Local Land Services	<p>Protecting Koalas of the Coffs Harbour-North Bellingen, Port Macquarie and North Macleay-Nambucca ARKS</p> <p>This project will partner with landowners, local and state government agencies to protect and restore priority Koala habitat in three Areas of Regional Koala Significance in the north coast region of NSW. Land management agreements and plans will be used to protect priority Koala habitat from further loss, while on-ground actions such as revegetation, weed control, pest animal control and fencing will restore and enhance priority Koala habitat. The project will encourage community participation in reporting Koala sightings, and Koala education and restoration activities.</p>	\$2,000,000
NSW	South East Local Land Services	<p>Enhancing Koala Habitat, South East NSW</p> <p>This project will focus on increasing skills and awareness of private land managers to Koala population and habitat requirements within Areas of Regional Koala Significance including Bungonia, Numeralla, Nullica and Murrah. Land managers within and adjacent to these priority areas will be offered opportunities to access incentives to protect, enhance and expand suitable Koala habitat. The project will also expand on existing community engagement activities to increase awareness of monitoring and habitat enhancement methods to be delivered by South East LLS and community groups within the Monaro and Far South Coast, and deliver targeted pest animal management activities to reduce herbivory and predation of Koalas in fragmented landscapes.</p>	\$2,000,000

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NSW	North West Local Land Services	<p>Habitat Refugia for Kamilaroi Guda Koalas</p> <p>Guda is Kamilaroi/Gamilaary word for Koala. This project will expand current Koala conservation efforts in the region. Patches of remnant native vegetation on both crown and private land will be targeted to increase the diversity of species and age classes, controlling key threatening weeds, secure safe and permanent water, and grazing management. This project will be a collaborative effort across government agencies, community groups, private landholders, the aboriginal community, and local contractors.</p>	\$1,000,000
NSW	Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	<p>Protecting Koalas in the Armidale ARKS</p> <p>The project will deliver key activities aimed at researching, monitoring and conserving koala populations in the Armidale Area of Regional Koala Significance (ARKS). Project activities will develop and expand on existing partnerships in the region to deliver on-ground conservation outcomes including habitat restoration and building of bushfire resilience for koalas, community and landholder engagement events and education, and koala surveys.</p>	\$420,000
NSW	Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources	<p>Koala habitat restoration in Border Ranges and Guula Ngurra National Park</p> <p>This project will deliver priority koala habitat restoration in two areas, the Border Ranges reserves and Bundjalung National Park on the north coast, and Guula Ngurra National Park in the Greater Blue Mountains. Activities on the north coast will focus weed control on lands infested with lantana and the resulting Bell Minor Associated Dieback (BMAD). The Guula Ngurra project will focus on blackberry control and habitat restoration along the culturally sensitive Wingecarribee River corridor.</p>	\$627,800
National	CSIRO	<p>National Koala Monitoring Program (NKMP)</p> <p>This program will address information gaps and provide robust data on Koala distribution, population numbers and trends to target on-ground actions where they are most needed.</p>	\$2,000,000
National	University of Sydney Koala Health Hub	Koala Health Initiative	\$750,000

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		<p>This project involves a national Koala disease risk assessment and a suite of immediate, practical and applied research projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ determining the distribution and significance of key Koala pathogens and developing new improved testing and treatment methods ○ developing and testing methods for detecting and monitoring Koala disease through scat collection ○ evaluating and improving biosecurity practices to prevent transmission of Chlamydia in captivity, rehabilitation and during field capture of Koalas. 	
National	Taronga Conservation Society Australia	<p>Koala Health Initiative</p> <p>This project involves veterinary support through the provision of training for up to 1000 vets and vet nurses in wildlife treatment and care, with a specific module focused on Koala care.</p>	\$1,000,000
National	CSIRO	<p>Koala Health Initiative</p> <p>This project will integrate Koala health and condition monitoring into the National Koala Monitoring Program.</p>	\$250,000