



\$50m for Koala conservation and protection

The Australian Government has announced a record \$50 million investment over 4 years to boost protection and recovery efforts for the Koala. This investment will help restore koala habitat through community action, improve our understanding of koala populations and track their recovery, and support koala care.

This new funding will bring the total investment by the Australian Government to \$74 million since 2019.

What is being funded under the \$50m package



\$20m On-ground action to support Koala habitat and manage threats through large (\$1 million+) and medium (\$200,000+) projects	\$10m On-ground action through community-based projects, with grants of up to \$200,000	\$1m 1000 new places for national training in Koala care, treatment and triage
\$10m Extending the National Koala Monitoring Program	\$2m Health research grants to address Koala health challenges and health outcomes	\$7m National coordination and collaborative approaches to deliver these conservation initiatives

The funding will enhance the protection of koalas by supporting habitat recovery efforts, extending the National Koala Monitoring Program, supporting training in koala treatment and care, and applied research to inform and influence koala health outcomes.

- Competitive grants and procurements for projects to prioritise, restore and protect critical koala habitat, and support on-ground activities to reduce threats and improve health outcomes. These projects will support habitat corridors, restoration activities and other on-ground actions in partnership with states, Natural Resource Management groups, industry, Indigenous groups and communities.
- Support for up to 1,000 new training places in koala care, treatment and triage. Pending demand, this could expand training to emergency management personnel, first responders, park rangers and carers.
- Grants for applied research activities, and practical application of research outcomes previously funded by the Australian Government, to address fundamental koala health challenges.
- Extension of the National Koala Monitoring Program. This will help fill critical knowledge gaps, such as data for rural Queensland, improve the capacity in citizen scientists, and track koala populations.