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## KOALA MANAGEMENT PLAN



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## DOG OWNERSHIP

Dogs must be managed to prevent attacks on koalas. This can be done by:

- Keeping dogs on a leash when walking within the estate and associated bushland areas.
- Keeping your dog inside or restrained at night.
- If you see a koala in your yard, confine or restrain your dog out of sight. This will give the koala a chance to move on.
- Provide your dog with its own fenced-off yard area, using koala exclusion fencing. Any private yard interfaces with private or public conservation areas are to have pet exclusion fencing installed to prevent dogs and cats from entering the conservation areas (see images on the right). Pet exclusion fences must not have any gaps or apertures greater than 50mm and there must be no gaps at the base of the fence.



## SWIMMING POOLS

Pools should be constructed in a manner that allows koalas to escape if they fall in, to prevent drowning. This includes large shallow steps (escape ramp) where the koala is able to climb out easily. An escape rope (large diameter rope) with an attached floatation device is also a suitable option. (see images on the right).



## FAUNA FRIENDLY FENCING

Any boundary fencing constructed within the private conservation areas are to be fauna-friendly movement fences, to allow koalas to move into and out of the private conservation areas (see images below). Fauna movement fencing must have large enough gaps that allow for the free movement of all fauna that inhabit the area, such as kangaroos and koalas.



In addition, any standard fencing in other areas of your property should have an escape post placed against the fence so koalas have a safe route out of your yard if they become trapped (see image on the right).

*Example timber post or log (of at least 125 mm in width or diameter) leaning against the top of the fence but positioned at an angle to the fence so that the log is not flush with the fence*





## OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Keep outdoor lighting to a minimum after 6pm at night and before 6am the next morning near occupied trees, or trees known to be utilised by koalas

Outdoor lighting around dwellings should be sensor lights, to minimise light spill into the public and private conservation areas.

In addition, lighting should be directional lighting, aimed away from the conservation areas to minimise light spill.

## VEHICLE SPEEDS

There is a 40km p/hr speed limit in the estate, to reduce potential vehicle strike of koalas. Please drive slowly and watch for koalas on local roads. This is especially important during koala breeding season when they are more active (September to February).

## RETENTION OF KOALA FOOD TREES WITHIN THE LOTS

Koala food trees (primarily Eucalyptus and Corymbia species) can also be retained on the lots outside of the private conservation areas, to provide additional koala habitat. Planting of local koala food trees is also encouraged. However, if a dog is present on the property, exclusion fencing should be installed to prevent dogs and koalas coming into contact.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about koalas can be gathered from various sources, including the Qld Government (Department of Environment and Science), and Wildcare Australia (Scan QR Codes below to learn more).

If a sick or injured koala is found in the area, please contact the RSPCA QLD on phone number **1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)**.



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