

## Koala Conservation

### Head of Power

*Local Government Act 2009*

### Related Legislation

*Nature Conservation Act 1992*

*Planning Act 2016*

### Objective

The objective of this Policy is to develop and implement strategies that support the long-term viability of the koala population across the Moreton Bay Region.

### Definitions

**Community projects** means projects initiated, managed and delivered by community groups with in-principle, in kind or financial support from Council.

**Council managed projects** means projects initiated, managed and delivered by Council

**Development** has the meaning defined in the *Planning Act 2016*.

**Elected Member** means the Mayor and all Councillors.

**Employee** means all employees of Council, whether employed on a permanent, temporary, or part-time basis and includes volunteers and employees of businesses and entities contracted to provide services to, or on behalf of Council.

### Application

This policy applies to all Council operations, projects, programs and processes.

### Policy Statement

Council will work in partnership with the community, industry and the Queensland Government to:

1. Identify, establish and enhance koala habitat and wildlife corridors to support koala populations, movement and dispersal.
2. Manage the impact of development and Council managed projects on the koala population, in accordance with Council's legislative and regulatory obligations and responsibilities.
3. Undertake and support conservation initiatives, including innovative research and community projects that enhance koala welfare and population viability.
4. Build community awareness of the value of koala conservation initiatives.

## Related Documents

This Policy complements and is to be implemented in conjunction with other Council policies, directives and relevant documents published by other agencies including, but not limited to:

Corporate Plan 2017-2022  
 Community Plan 2011-2021  
 SEQ Regional Plan 2017  
 Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017

## Review and evaluation

This policy will be reviewed for applicability, effectiveness, and consistency with relevant legislation, Council resolutions, and other Council documents.

Reviews of this policy will occur as required, or at least once every four years.

## Responsibility

This Policy is to be:

- (1) implemented by the Environment and Sustainability Policy and Planning Manager; and
- (2) reviewed and amended in accordance with the "Review Triggers" by the Director Planning.

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