

KOALA HABITAT RESTORATION PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM



What is the Koala Habitat Restoration Partnerships Program?

The Koala Habitat Restoration Partnerships Program is a \$4.96 million program implemented by the Queensland Government to address koala habitat loss and fragmentation and koala population declines across South-East Queensland (SEQ).

The primary goal of the program is to establish partnerships between landholders, state and local government and other stakeholders to deliver koala habitat restoration projects in strategic locations across SEQ.

The program also aims to achieve co-benefits for the environment, landholders and community, including soil stabilisation, water quality improvement and support for local business.

Since 2019, more than 170,000 koala trees have been planted over 100 hectares of cleared council and privately-owned land. An additional 145 hectares of degraded koala habitat is under weed management until 2024.



Our goal is to double the area of new koala habitat and restored existing habitat.

The second round of funding will commence in 2022 with landholders invited to submit applications for habitat restoration projects on their properties.

New to this round, we will be delivering a carbon farming project through the Queensland Government's Land Restoration Fund. The income earned from carbon credits will be provided to landholders for ongoing project maintenance.

Why should landholders get involved?

The program provides a unique opportunity for landholders to tackle the key threats of habitat loss and fragmentation on their own properties and to make a valuable contribution towards reversing koala declines in SEQ.

Landholders will have the added support of the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Science (DES), Queensland Trust for Nature, and other stakeholders who will contribute a range of skills and resources to the projects. The landholder may also gain from other co-benefits to the program that are listed above.



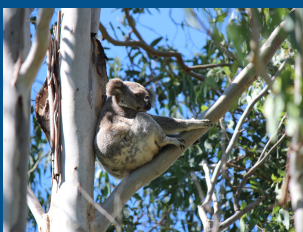
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EOIs are
OPEN until
midnight on
30/06/22

How will my site be assessed?

QTFN follows this 4-step process for project site selection for the program:

1. Expressions of Interest:

Applications for expressions of interest will be opened to landholders in May 2022.

2. Desktop analysis (QTFN input only)

The desktop assessment will assess sites according to their size, their potential to connect existing habitat patches, and position within strategic areas and corridors.

3. On ground site assessment (QTFN input only)

On ground assessments will further assess potential projects according to their habitat quality and koala activity.

Note: the landholder may be required to provide QTFN ecologists a tour of their property prior to on-ground assessments.

4. Project comparison and selection (QTFN input only)

The cost-benefit analysis will compare potential projects according to their koala habitat gain and delivery cost feasibility and allocate funds to successful projects based on the estimated gain in koala habitat quality and koala population per project dollar spent.

Checklist of eligibility for partner landholders:



Are you passionate about conservation and/or land management?



Have you or your neighbours heard or seen koalas on your properties? (optional)



Do you have land that you are willing to revegetate with koala trees and/or existing eucalypt regrowth / forest that requires weed management?



Are you willing to partner with a range of stakeholders to maximise koala habitat gain?



Are you willing to obtain an agreement to protect areas of koala habitat that are created or restored on your property?

Join Us

Thank you for your consideration of this important partnership program to protect South-East Queensland koalas and their habitat.

There is still much to be done towards achieving the 10,000-hectare target set out in the South-East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy so we encourage everybody to get involved and be part of securing the long-term survival of the species in SEQ.

If you have any further queries, please contact Maree Clancy at maree@qtfn.org.au or 1300 601 669.



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koalas in SEQ

