



Hon Kate Jones MP
Member for Ashgrove

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000



**Minister for Climate Change
and Sustainability**

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 25 November 2010 enclosing a copy of Petition No. 1590-10 lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

The Petition requests that the House recommend the properties described as Lot 2 on RP15912, Lot 1 on RP174509 and Lot 1 on RP186128, and situated at Upper Ormeau Road and Cliff Barrons Road, Ormeau Hills, be listed as a protected area under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management will undertake a detailed assessment of the conservation and natural values of the lots in question to determine if the area is to be considered a State priority biodiversity acquisition to be added to the protected area estate.

Once this has been completed, I will be in a position to provide a more detailed response.

The State Government has an extensive suite of measures currently in place to protect and enhance koala habitat across the south-east. Earlier this year I released the most comprehensive set of koala planning laws to guide development and protect koala habitat. The Government has also committed a record \$55.9 million towards koala protection, including \$43.5 million to acquire and rehabilitate land for koalas, \$10 million through the Department of Main Roads to identify, retrofit and study black spots on major roads, \$2 million for an enhanced surveying program, and \$400,000 to research disease in koala populations.

Should you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Darren Phillips, Team Leader, Property and Conservation Tenure Services of the Department of Environment and Resource Management on telephone 3330 5365.

Yours sincerely

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