



## Petition to aid koalas

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GYMPIE region roads in known koala corridors could be signed with warnings and koala rescue numbers if a petition of 200 signatures succeeds in prompting the new Gympie Regional Council to take action.

The petition of Widgee residents was received by the outgoing council yesterday and referred to the new council.

It draws to the council's attention the impact of the loss of koala habitat on koala numbers, the loss of koala lives on roads and because of fires, dogs and the removal of corridors.

In just the Widgee area, koalas have been sighted in Kabi Crt, near the Widgee School, Power Rd, around the community complex, in Janke Rd, around the Widgee Sports Grounds, along Upper; Widgee Rd, Thornside Rd, near the Station Creek Bridge and in the Woolooga Gympie Rd area.

The petition asks "Gympie Regional Council, through all relevant planning services empowered to control land, buildings and human impact on nature, immediately initiate best practices for the protection of the koala habitat as a threatened species".

It asks the council to initiate "the placing of KOALA signs, with the phone numbers of the Sunshine Coast Koala Rescue team on them, on roads in the area where koalas have been sighted".

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