

## **Koalas in Bangalow Need Help**

The Bangalow Koalas group alerted us to this peaceful protest on behalf of the koalas of Bangalow and have invited NRG members to participate. Attend and/or send submissions if you can. Submissions close on 2 Feb 2021 (details below):

When. Sunday, 31 January, 2PM

**Where: Meet at the top of Rifle Range Road in Bangalow and march from there**

The group writes:

"We want signs, we want marching bands and police escort!!! This road is significant for Koalas, as it offers additional Koala trees necessary for connectivity in an attempt to establish a viable wildlife corridor. The goal is to highlight what is going on and get more people to write submissions against it plus keep the pressure on Byron Council to ensure landholder complies to stop work notice served on him today (which he ignored). We need to keep alert of any sign of continuing work council needs to be called and emailed immediately. Our aim is minimum 100 submissions, but locals NEED to know about this destruction in order to act. This road is the VERY Road , where have been doing Koala tree planting for 3 yrs, during drought & sometimes flooding rain. It was identified as a vital Koala habitat, BUT needing a connecting wildlife corridor. This is why Bangalow Koalas & their dedicated volunteers have spent so much time , planting Koala trees in this very location which connects to a reserve. Since our mammoth tree planting efforts an increase of Koala sightings has occurred & we are now concerned this may have been in vain if this DA goes through Council. The land in question (75 Rifle Range Rd ) is proposed to go from residential zoning to 'tourist', which is unacceptable. Byron Council have a policy NOT to permit development in any area that is detrimental to Koala populations?"

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### **Submissions information:**

**DA 10.2021.5.1, 75 Rifle Range Road, Bangalow** (Put this in subject line)

**Send to:** [council@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@byron.nsw.gov.au)

Issues:

- > removal of trees on council land without consent and before the DA exhibition period has even ended
- > work has continued even after Council's Stop Work Order was issued
- > DA states there are no koalas on the property. Not true! Koalas often seen on the property.
- > proposed road will be a barrier to koala movements
- > DA should be refused