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The General Manager
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Re: Vegetation and Koala Habitat Mapping

Dear Sir,

The Bonny Hills Progress Association urges Council to endorse the datasets established in the process of mapping vegetation and assessing koala habitat and modelling koala populations in the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Government Area. This step is vital so that Council can proceed with a Biodiversity Strategy and Koala Plan of Management to protect and help restore local habitat and corridors.

This outcome is strongly supported by Bonny Hills residents as evidenced by the Bonny Hills Community Vision document which has been ratified at public meetings conducted by the BHPA.

The BHPA appreciates the benefits of evidence based planning which can provide greater certainty and a strategic direction for the development industry, whilst also providing a tool to attract biodiversity investment funding.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Hafey
Secretary
BHPA

16 October 2013

cc: Thor Aaso