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15<sup>TH</sup> October 2021

### RE DA2021/0788 - 45 HAVELOCK ST LAWRENCE

We have been contacted by concerned residents of Lawrence and The Clarence Koala Working Group regarding **DA2021/0788**

Photos supplied to our committee and information located in the DA indicate that there is potential for loss and damage to Koala habitat and in particular to trees which are ascertained to be used as maternity sites.

We would encourage Council to engage with the developer to ensure there is an understanding of the importance of retaining habitat and building responsibly to ensure ongoing presence of Koalas in Lawrence.

We request the following

- The DA is adjusted to ensure the building plan has no negative impact on these trees.
- Council acts to ensure the trees are placed under protection as Koala habitat.
- Management of potential dog impacts on resident Koalas is addressed in the DA process.

Clarence Valley Council's Natural Resource Management Report – Koala Sightings Data Analysis notes the following.

[https://ehq-production-australia.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/0c00b297a3f8eb801cd070d359ef4d538190668c/original/1593580880/Koala\\_Sighting\\_Data\\_Analysis.pdf\\_8e411096d77edfd4772a4fc7078e9348?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAIBJCUKGD4ZO4WUUA%2F20211016%2Fap-southeast-2%2Fs3%2Faws4\\_request&X-Amz-Date=20211016T205733Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Signature=bfcd295310be1acf9938ae43d57ff4688259ebc1dbf3d929c43bd12ab75c76c9](https://ehq-production-australia.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/0c00b297a3f8eb801cd070d359ef4d538190668c/original/1593580880/Koala_Sighting_Data_Analysis.pdf_8e411096d77edfd4772a4fc7078e9348?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAIBJCUKGD4ZO4WUUA%2F20211016%2Fap-southeast-2%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20211016T205733Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Signature=bfcd295310be1acf9938ae43d57ff4688259ebc1dbf3d929c43bd12ab75c76c9)

*“While Ashby, Woombah and Iluka have been among the localities with reported koalas, as expected based on prior history of sightings, engagement in the regions of Lawrence and Waterview Heights/ Seelands has been significant. Lawrence is on the cusp of the Banyabba ARKS (Table 1, Figure 1) but much of the town lies outside of the mapped ARKS, thus it is only through the Koala Register that the greater region’s importance has been highlighted. We recognise that the quantity of koala records do not represent the total population due to repeated sightings, however the number of individual sightings occurring within a single day in Lawrence is strongly indicative that there is a significant koala*

*Our mission: to advocate for a healthy and biologically diverse environment and to preserve the quality of life of the Clarence Valley*

population. In addition, breeding has been observed in Lawrence, with at least five females rearing young in the 2019-2020 breeding season.”

### **3.2 Management of our koala population**

“There are various policies and acts that aim to protect koalas (Table 2). Council currently has a comprehensive Koala Plan of Management, which was adopted by Council in October 2015. The KPoM focuses on the core habitat areas of Ashby, Woombah and Iluka within the Banyabba Area of Regional Koala Significance (ARKS) (CVC 2015). Council is implementing actions identified in the plan, including educating community residents in the core habitat areas about how to protect koalas and their habitat. Lawrence, Waterview Heights / Seelands are located within known Areas of Regional Koala Significance and while there are significant koala populations in these areas, they are currently not included in the KPoM (Biolink 2018). Inclusion of the new knowledge into an LGA-wide KPoM would be beneficial to protecting our koala population. Furthermore, revegetation of cleared, fragmented and fire-affected landscapes is crucial. For more information on how you can revegetate your property, consult the Revegetating Koala Habitat pamphlet and the Koala Food Trees in the Clarence Eucalypt Identification Guide (Heenan 2019, CVC 2020b).”

We commend Clarence Valley Council for investing in gaining a clearer understanding of Koala movements in the Clarence Valley through Clarence Conversations. This data is vital to strengthen the plan for connected wildlife corridors to ensure future survival of Clarence Koala's and other species.

Given the precarious state of the Koala population in NSW and the noted expansion of Koala's into the Lawrence area it is timely that Clarence Valley Council investigate and map potential habitat loss indicative with the future planned population growth of Lawrence.

A comprehensive plan for expansion and protection of existing habitat areas for Lawrence needs to be implemented with input from the local community to ensure the species is given more chance of survival in the surrounding area. **With publicly documented video evidence of recent clearing in Lawrence of nearby Koala habitat trees being reported to both CVC and other government agencies - this action is required urgently.**

Valley Watch has made numerous enquiries since the amalgamation of Maclean Shire Council as to the state of the Koala Management Plan. A very public campaign was conducted over 15 years ago to ensure, the then almost complete Koala Management Plan instigated by Maclean Shire Council was implemented. Yet 15 years later we still do not have a Koala Management Plan for the Clarence Valley!!

Can you please provide an update on the status of the Koala Management Plan?

Can you please provide information of how Lawrence and other areas, not yet noted in the current Koala Management Plan will be managed?

Regards

Helen Granleese  
President  
Valley Watch Inc

# Save OUR Koalas



A Valleywatch Initiative

Vickii and Danny Lett

Whiteman Creek 2460

**Reference: DA2021/0788** at Lot 4, Section 5, DP758604, directly east of number 45 Havelock Street LAWRENCE **To:**

**Clarence Valley Council** [council@clarence.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@clarence.nsw.gov.au)

**Clarence Valley Councillors** [councillors@clarence.nsw.gov.au](mailto:councillors@clarence.nsw.gov.au)

**Attention:** planner B. J. Cilia

Dear Council and Councillors,

We have recently been made aware of a proposed development in Lawrence in an area frequently used by koalas including breeding females. As you are aware, koalas are listed as a Threatened Species. Please see relevant section of:

**Legislative Council Portfolio Committee No. 7 - Planning and Environment  
Inquiry into koala populations and habitat in NSW – Government Response**

*2 That the NSW Government urgently prioritise the protection of koala habitat and corridors in the planning and implementation stages of urban growth areas.*

**Supported**

*The Government is committed to protecting koala habitat and corridors in urban growth areas. The Government is*

*already acting to prioritise koala protection by:*

*Significantly improving the extent, quality, management and accessibility of information needed to effectively integrate koala habitat protection into urban planning, through the establishment of a new Koala Habitat*

**Information Base**

*Promoting upfront strategic assessment and biodiversity certification for urban growth areas, to ensure koala*

*habitat and corridors are identified and protected at a landscape scale, before urban development proceeds (for example, the Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan. The draft plan is available at [pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-cumberland-plain-conservation-plan](http://pp.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-cumberland-plain-conservation-plan))*

*Releasing new, best practice planning guidelines to help ensure developments can be designed to avoid koala habitat and to limit the indirect impacts on koalas*

As WIRES members we are called to rescue koalas in the Lawrence locality. Up until a few years ago the population seemed to be reasonably healthy with very low incidence of chlamydia. More recently we are being called to respond to animals with the disease. Loss of habitat causes the koalas to become stressed which lowers their immune system which means they will begin to express disease.

Lawrence koalas are an important source population already impacted by destruction of habitat.

It is apparent that all current vegetation including primary secondary habitat as well as tree corridors must be protected for this population to continue. Tree corridors are essential for koalas to move across an essentially denuded landscape and helps to protect them from both dog and cow attack.

Please see photo taken this week in Rawdon St of mother and joey. We are currently tracking a mother an joey and a male with chlamydia in the hope we can capture and treat them.



Please consider the importance of the current vegetation.

Please keep us up to date with all progress on DA2021/0788 and contact us if you need further documentation of the koala activity at the location.

Yours sincerely

Vickii and Danny Lett

**From:** "David Redhill" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, 15 Oct 2021 00:04:53 +1100  
**To:** "Council Email" <Council@clarence.nsw.gov.au>; "\_Councillors" <\_Councillors@clarence.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: DA2021/0788 and its threat to established koala habitat

**Attention:** planner B. J. Cilia

Dear Council and Councillors,

I write in reference to Development Application DA2021/0788 which concerns Lot 4, Section 5, DP758604 (Planner B.J.Cilia), just to the east of number 45 Havelock Street in Lawrence.

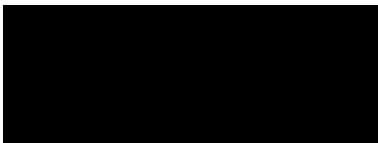
As others will have made yourselves aware, this development application, if approved, will pose a grave threat to an established koala habitat in an area where already there is immense pressure on this treasured native species. While aware of how beloved the koala is to our own citizens, in my previous role as Global CMO at Deloitte I was made aware that the koala rated as one of Australia's most iconic natural symbols, and is a great favourite amongst all visitors to our shores and a critical natural asset to our country and one which needs protection and support.

I have, on successive visits to Lawrence to visit friends over recent years, been heartened by a painstaking yet promising recovery of the local koalas after years of challenging circumstances caused by both human and natural actions. As a unique ecological situation and with distinctive and endemic qualities to the local koala population, it would be a tragedy were ecologically short-sightedness deal this unique treasure to our landscape a heavy but entirely avoidable blow.

Please, for our koalas' sakes and for the future of Australia's children, consider the long-term impact of your decision. You represent all Australians in our aspiration to leave our blessed land and its flora and fauna in a sustainable state for future generations; I implore you to honour the responsibility to all of us entrusted in you, and to take actions for which we will thank you in years to come.

Sincerely,

David Redhill



**From:** "Mark Purcell" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed, 13 Oct 2021 20:35:44 +1100  
**To:** "Council Email" <Council@clarence.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** DA2021/0788 - please stop loss of koala maternity habitat

Dear B.J. Cilia,

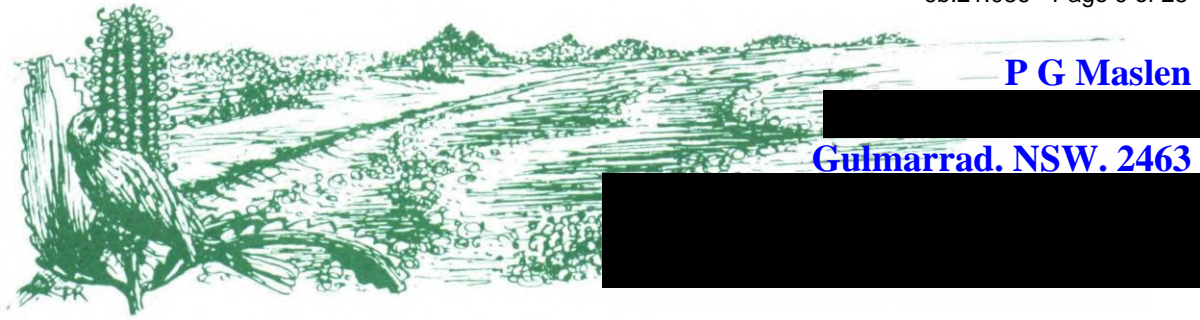
How does a species go extinct? One tree at a time.  
Particularly a maternity tree.

Koala numbers are plummeting state-wide.  
Are you going to draw a line to stop it? If not here, where?

If we can't keep such an internationally-well-known and -loved species  
alive, what chance for the rest of our wildlife?

Mark Purcell  
Pillar Valley





13<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Clarence Valley Council  
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Attention: Environment, Development & Strategic Planning Director

**SUBJECT: DA2021/788 ADJACENT TO 45 HAVELOCK STREET LAWRENCE SUBMISSION**

Dear Sir,

I thank the council for the opportunity to make a submission on DA2021/788 for a proposed dwelling house.

The development application is in Lawrence's prime residential koala habitat as demonstrated by the following map downloaded from Clarence Valley Council's Koala Register web site page <https://www.clarenceconversations.com.au/koalaregister/maps/koalas#marker-39494> .The details of sightings on Lot 4 Section 73 Plan No 758604 can be verified from council records.



The following set of photographs show the existence of koalas in the trees adjacent to the location of the proposed dwelling. As shown by the date stamps on the photographs, it is demonstrated that the trees in proximity of the lot of the development application are used by the Lawrence koala population. It is a characteristic of koalas to use favourite trees and are highly stressed when habitat trees are removed. This stress is one of the causes of chlamydia, a bacterial disease spread through sexual intercourse or from mother to offspring. The first photograph is of a mother and joey in the circled tree of the fourth photograph.





In April 2012, the Australian Government declared the Koala as 'VULNERABLE' under the Federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 in New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory and Queensland. The koala is listed as 'Rare and Vulnerable' in 1992 and this status was later reaffirmed as 'vulnerable to extinction' under the New South Wales Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 because of declining numbers and the ongoing pressure of threats.

Clarence Valley Council while having a Koala Plan of Management which is restricted to Ashby, Woombah and Iluka and yet to be approved by the state government, does not have a comprehensive council wide plan to manage and protect koalas. Hence any protection of koala habitat will require drawing on the federal and state conservation status to ensure the Lawrence population is not negatively impacted by council decision that ignore the vulnerable status of the koala. With responsible planning decisions which can be recommended by innovative council officers koala habitat and native vegetation can be protected.

Any negative impact on available Lawrence koala habitat must be prevented. From details of the application, it appears that the proposed dwelling has a high probability of resulting in the removal or damage to the koala habitat adjacent to the property. The root zone of these trees is highly likely to extend to the footprint of the proposed dwelling resulting in the probable death of the impacted trees. If this does not occur, a probable request to council by the dwelling owners, to remove the trees due to the proximity of the trees to the dwelling and a possible safety issue. With the continued removal of koala habitat, due to development application approvals by councils and other government approvals koala habitat such as that given by New south Wales Land Services in Back Creek Road Lawrence earlier this year, the current Vulnerable status is likely to be changed to endangered, critically endangered, extinct in the wild, or ultimately extinct. Council must take a stronger stance on koala habitat protection and when approving development applications ensure that any existing koala habitat is protected and where possible enhanced.

On approving this application, the location of the dwelling must be moved and conditioned to ensure that the trees both on public land and within the property, are not negatively impacted by the construction and the dwelling is located sufficiently distanced from a future dwelling that any safety issues relative to its location do not exist. Council must condition that both the koala food trees and the habitat trees are protected.

I have made no reportable donations.

I commend these comments to council to ensure that the koala habitat of Lawrence is not further degraded by poor planning decisions and lack of formal protection of koala habitat trees.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Peter G Maslen.

Peter G Maslen BE BSc FIE (retired)

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Application NO: DA2021/0788  
B.J. Cilia.

Dear Sir

I strongly object to this application it is not in line with the Lawrence country village as it is, with large blocks and quiet streets. I moved here 4 years ago investing my life savings to buy my house at 45 Havelock St Lawrence, expecting a quiet rural Retirement. This development which I am sure is a forerunner to cluster housing will completely shatter my dreams. There will be excessive noise & traffic, mowers, dogs, cars, people, music it would be like living in an innercity complex, completely destroying the peace & quiet. Most of us crave & need this quiet peaceful outlook, for our health & general well being.

Also the Lawrence ferry is already a congested system if there are say 14 houses built that's potentially 28 more cars delaying the ferry crossing & driving past my house.

If I had more money I would sell up & move, that's how strongly I feel about this. It is distressing.

I would have no problems with normal 4 acre blocks as this would be inevitable; But the small size of this application to me means 12 or more houses eventually next door, spoiling everything for me. Shattering all my plans for peace & quiet in my retirement. I put a lot into looking for this location & rural village atmosphere. please don't spoil my retirement & shatter my hopes & Dreams.

As well as my other reasons the trees on the block are a wildlife corridor. Specifically the 2 large gums on my left which as I write have a mother & baby in them I have seen \* them. All the other trees are used by the KOALAS as well. As aussies we are all trying to help KOALAS as they<sup>are</sup> beginning to become threatened. Development would impact them negatively.

Yours sincerely

BRAO MCKENDRY



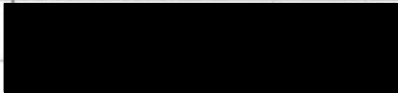
I would appreciate a reply. Thankyou

BRAO MCKENDRY



LAWRENCE

2460



\* They are at the front of the Devolppment

Clarence Valley Council

By email: [council@clarence.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@clarence.nsw.gov.au)

8 October 2021

Dear Council

Re: **DA2021/0788** at Lot 4, Section 5, DP758604, Lawrence

With regards to the above Development Application I make the following submission.

- A. Clarence Valley Council Koala Register confirms the above Lot supports significant koala activity. It is well documented that the NSW koala population is in decline. The NSW and Commonwealth Governments listed the koala as Threatened in 1992 and 2012 respectively. Currently, the koala is listed as 'vulnerable to extinction' under the NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. In April 2012, koala populations in Queensland, NSW and ACT were listed as vulnerable to extinction under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. We have all seen how the koala population suffered during our recent bushfires. I believe CV Council has a responsibility for the conservation of this iconic species in our LGA.
- B. To meet CV Council's responsibility to the conservation of this species, conditions must be placed on the above Development Application.  
These conditions should include but not be limited to:
  - a. All trees on the Lot must be protected and conserved in their entirety.
  - b. Any temporary or permanent fencing of the DA site and/or the Lot must be koala friendly. It should be noted that 'colourbond' type fencing is not koala friendly.
  - c. Work on the site involving heavy duty machinery must cease during times of koala activity.
- C. Occupants of the site must be made aware that domestic dogs can pose a threat to koalas, and that domestic dogs should be restrained.
- D. CV Council should closely supervise the site during times of construction to ensure that koala activity is correctly monitored, and that individual koalas are safe.
- E. To protect the koala population in the village of Lawrence and to ensure individuals koalas have essential access to food and roost trees, CV Council should consider extending the CVC Koala Plan of Management to include the village of Lawrence.

As a member of the previous Maclean Shire Council Koala Working Group I am very familiar with the activities threatening koalas and their habitat. I would hope that the Clarence Valley Council will ensure that the processing of Development Applications and other activities under the control of Council will ensure the survival of our koalas.

Sincerely,

Imelda Jennings RN BSc Dip Journ

Angourie 2464

**From:** "Daniel Getaz" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sat, 9 Oct 2021 16:45:33 +1100  
**To:** "Council Email" <Council@clarence.nsw.gov.au>; "\_Councillors" <\_Councillors@clarence.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** DA2021/0788 LAWRENCE  
**Attachments:** DSC05383red.jpg

Dear Council and Councillors,

We have been informed through our friends Linda Wright and Santiago Acera of the above DA in Lawrence.

We live on Woodford Island and are frequently visiting the Lawrence Region where we have frequently observed ourselves Koalas within the residential area of the town and in the neighbouring forests (see our records on the Koala Register of the Clarence Valley).

Recent drought has obviously reduced the number of Koalas in Lawrence, but this region remains obviously one of the richest areas for Koalas in the Clarence Valley.

We share the opinion expressed by Linda Wright and Santiago Acera and strongly support the demand that Koala habitat trees in the area of Lawrence should be protected.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel GETAZ and Elizabeth LUESCHER







**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Fri, 8 Oct 2021 15:14:25 +1100  
**To:** "Council Email" <Council@clarence.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: DA2021 0788 Havelock Rawdon  
**Attachments:** Havelock Rawdon DA2021 0788.pdf

Dear Councilors

I write to express my concerns over the proposed development DA2021 0788 in Lawrence, northern NSW. More specifically in regards to the few trees that a native Koala population co-habitate. Having visited the area on a regular basis for over 20 years it always brings joy to see these uniquely Australian creatures in their natural surroundings. As we all know the Koala population is rapidly diminishing due to the impact of the developing world and it is vital that we do our best to ensure the longevity of these beautiful animals by protecting their homes and food sources. It would be a crying shame for the not too distant future generations to be denied the opportunity to view our wonderful wildlife in their natural habitat.

Yours Sincerely

Patrick Garvan

Linda Wright and Santiago Acera

Lawrence 2460

**Reference: DA2021/0788** at Lot 4, Section 5, DP758604, directly east of number 45 Havelock Street LAWRENCE

**To:**

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**Attention:** planner B. J. Cilia

Dear Council and Councillors,

We are extremely concerned to discover today that there is a development application currently lodged with council for a Lawrence property with the details referenced above.

Diagram 1. below using from Clarence Valley Council's (CVC) intramaps show the approximate location of the block in red, with the green line indicating koala habitat, including maternity usage by mother and joey koalas, on the southern and eastern sides of the broader ex-paddock in which it is contained. Whilst this letter specifically concerns DA2021/0788 ('the DA'), we are also concerned that more DAs will be received by CVC in coming months and years in the area bounded in blue.



1.

The second CVC intramaps image, diagram 2. below, shows satellite imagery with the koala habitat trees on the DA site visible and marked with green line, and the group of trees in the road reserve just south of the site marked with a yellow cross. There are at least two large eucalypts and one native cedar in this group, all of which have been witnessed to be used by koalas, the former two as food trees. There is a less mature eucalypt just within the property which has also been seen with a koala in it.



2.

Diagram 3, below, is an excerpt taken today from CVC's Clarence Valley Council Koala Register, showing recorded sightings of koalas in and near the DA site. It gives an idea of the connectivity between the DA site (with 35 sightings recorded to date) and broader Lawrence koala habitat records. The site is part of a network of koala corridors. NSW BioNet records will add further data to the CVC register data. We monitor koala activity in Lawrence almost daily, and believe it is important to note that anecdotally there exponentially far more sightings and hearings of koala activity that those recorded in general and in the DA location.



3.

Photograph 4. to 9. were taken by us today between 11:25 and 11:45 a.m., having been informed by two anxious neighbours of the DA site that they had been notified of the proposed development and are concerned about the koalas and the trees. They show a mother and joey koalas in the largest of the three trees in the group, in both close-up (#4.) and distance shots (#5. & 6.)



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6.

Photographs 7, 8. and 9. show the lines of trees to the south and east of the broader area in which the DA is located (see diagrams 1. to 3.) and which we fear will be under threat due to future DAs. We would alert council and councillors to this potential future threat to koala habitat, not just that posed by the current DA.



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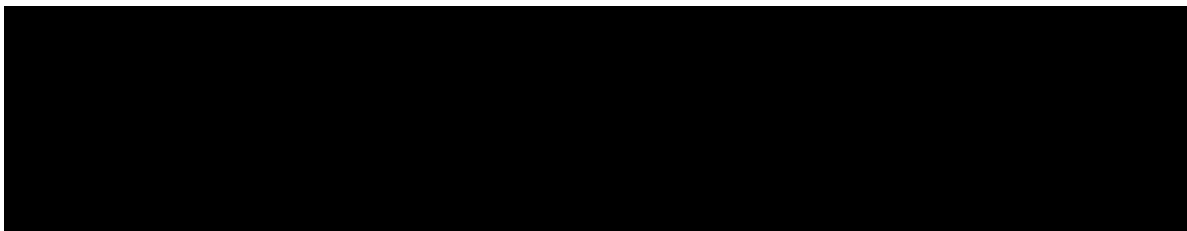
Photograph 10. is the final image to which we wish to draw your attention. It was taken by us on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February this year, of a different koala mother with her joey, in the same tree shown in photograph 4. This is clear evidence that the tree is a returned-to maternity one, and that it is of utmost importance for our koala community that it be there, with all its branches and adjacent trees, when the breeding koalas need it.



10.

It is inevitable that the koalas using the trees both in particular on the road reserve just outside the DA site, and also one actually on it, will be negatively impacted by any building activity in the near vicinity. We only hope that CVC councillors and staff will ensure that the damage is kept to an absolute minimum, by protecting the road reserve trees and all their branches before, during and after any site preparation and construction takes place, starting by alerting the owners to the importance and fragility of the koala habitat they will share responsibility for.

Please keep us up to date with all progress on DA2021/0788 and contact us if you need further documentation of the koala activity at the location.



Linda Wright and Santiago Acera

**From:** "Elizabeth Parker" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thu, 7 Oct 2021 13:45:43 +1100  
**To:** "Council Email" <Council@clarence.nsw.gov.au>; "\_Councillors" <\_Councillors@clarence.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Ref: DA2021/0788 at Lot 4, Section 5, DP758604, directly east of 45 Havelock Street LAWRENCE - KOALA CORRIDOR IN LAWRENCE

Attention: Planner BJ Cilia

Ref: DA2021/0788 at Lot 4, Section 5, DP758604, directly east of 45 Havelock Street LAWRENCE  
KOALA CORRIDOR IN LAWRENCE

Dear Council, Councillors and BJ Cilia

The above DA lodged with CVC is of much concern as any building activity in the near vicinity will impact koala activity on an important koala corridor and habitat.  
There is concern too that future development on this block would place an even greater threat to the corridor.

The block of land is fringed by trees which play an enormous role in the koala corridor in Lawrence.  
Mother koalas with joeys are sighted there regularly.

This Development Application puts koala activity and koala trees under threat.

Lawrence Koalas are dwindling and the protection of the remaining animals is paramount.

I hope the Council will consider the long term survival of koalas in our town when considering this Development Application.

Yours sincerely  
Elizabeth Parker  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed, 6 Oct 2021 19:44:04 +1100  
**To:** "Council Email" <Council@clarence.nsw.gov.au>; "\_Councillors" <\_Councillors@clarence.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** DA2021/0788 at Lot 4, Section 5, DP758604, directly east of number 45 Havelock Street LAWRENCE  
**Importance:** High

Attention:

Planner B. J. Cilia

Dear Council and Councillors,

I'm extremely concerned to discover today that there is a development application currently lodged with Council for a Lawrence property with the details referenced above.

This is a koala habitat with maternity usage by mother and joey koalas.

Whilst this letter specifically concerns DA 2021/0788, I'm also concerned that more DAs will be received by CVC in coming months and years.

There are at least two large eucalypts and one native cedar in this group, all of which have been witnessed to be used by koalas, the former two as food trees. There is a less mature eucalypt just within the property which has also been seen with a koala in it.

This is clear evidence that the tree is a returned to maternity one, and that it is of utmost importance for our koala community that it be there, with all its branches and adjacent trees, when the breeding koalas need it.

It is inevitable that the koalas using the trees both in particular on the road reserve just outside the DA site, and also one actually on it, will be negatively impacted by any building activity in the near vicinity. We only hope that CVC councillors and staff will ensure that the damage is kept to an absolute minimum, by protecting the road reserve trees and all their branches before, during and after any site preparation and construction takes place, starting by alerting the owners to the importance and fragility of the koala habitat they will share responsibility for.

For these reasons, I object this DA2021/0788 at Lot 4, Section 5, DP758604, directly east of number 45 Havelock Street LAWRENCE.

Yours sincerely,

Paola Torti

**From:** "katia falco" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wed, 6 Oct 2021 16:37:12 +1100  
**To:** "Council Email" <Council@clarence.nsw.gov.au>; "\_Councillors" <\_Councillors@clarence.nsw.gov.au>; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Reference: DA2021/0788 at Lot 4, Section 5, DP758604, directly east of number 45  
**Attachments:** Havelock Rawdon DA2021 0788.pdf

Dear Sirs

I refer to the attached objections to yet another development that will destroy koala habitat. I object to it too. I will keep a copy of all correspondence and rely upon it if these crimes against our environment are ever heard in an international court of justice.

Wishing you all the karma you deserve and then some, as always (it's been working for Gladys and Barilaro - hope it works for everyone else involved too).

Regards

Katia Falco

Sent from [Outlook](#)