

NSW SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Final Determination

The Scientific Committee, established by the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995*, has made a Final Determination to reject a proposal to list a population of the Koala *Phascolarctos cinereus* (Goldfuss, 1817) in the Tweed local government area east of the Pacific Highway as an ENDANGERED POPULATION in the Schedules of the Act.

The Scientific Committee has found that:

1. A Preliminary Determination supporting a proposal to list the Koala, *Phascolarctos cinereus* (Goldfuss, 1817) in the Tweed local government area east of the Pacific Highway was placed on public exhibition from 24 October 2014 to 30 January 2015. The Committee received a number of submissions.
2. In view of the issues raised in submissions the Committee has decided to amend the boundary of the population.
3. The amended boundary includes an additional area not covered in the previous Preliminary Determination. As a result the Committee will make a further Preliminary Determination to support a proposal to list a population of the Koala *Phascolarctos cinereus* (Goldfuss, 1817) between the Tweed and Brunswick Rivers east of the Pacific Highway as an endangered population. The Preliminary Determination will be placed on public exhibition for comment.

Dr Mark Eldridge
Chairperson
Scientific Committee

Exhibition period: 09/10/15 – 04/12/15

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