

City of Ipswich

Koala Priority Areas

What are these areas?

Koala Priority Areas are a key component of the South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy 2019-2024. This strategy was developed by the State Government with input from councils and key stakeholders.

These areas are recognised as priorities for habitat protections, restoration and threat mitigation. It is considered these areas provide the best chance of achieving long-term conservation outcomes for the koala.

Across the Ipswich local government area (LGA) there are:

- 35,595 hectares of core habitat (across whole LGA)
- 1,519 hectares of locally refined koala habitat areas (mostly in Purga, Mutdapilly, Mount Forbes and Ebenezer).

Why are these areas important?

These Koala Priority Areas are needed to ensure koala populations stay healthy and they have large areas that allow free movement without urban or human-related pressures.

These areas of mapped habitat are protected and the land is not able to be cleared.

These protections are significant as key areas now included – Purga, Ebenezer and Mount Forbes – have the most important koala populations in Ipswich.

These areas also align with council's Koala Conservation and Habitat Management Plan.

There are great opportunities for habitat restoration in these Koala Priority Areas in collaboration with the State Government, private landholders and other partners.

More information

The South East Queensland Koala Conservation Strategy is available at environment.des.qld.gov.au.

Ipswich City Council's website ipswich.qld.gov.au has information on:

- the Koala Conservation and Habitat Management Plan
- koala conservation in Ipswich including actions for residents
- Landholder Conservation Partnerships Program.



