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Dear Mr Palethorpe

Thank you for your letter dated 1 September 2011, regarding comments made by the Australian Koala Foundation in relation to the South Australian Government's koala population management.

The South Australian Government is supportive of measures being made to protect the species on a national level.

I am advised that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is developing a state-wide Koala Management Strategy to conserve and manage sustainable populations of koalas throughout their natural and introduced ranges within South Australia.

I thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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