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Subject: How did koalas survive for 15 million years without any help at all from loggers?

***Letter to the editor***

**How did koalas survive for 15 million years without any help at all from loggers?**

Peter Rutherford (Magnet 16/6/11) has again twisted a comment that I have made about the impacts of logging on koalas.

What I actually said was: logging alone did not bring the koala on the far south coast to its present dire situation on the brink of extinction. It was a combination of disease, fire, land clearing for agriculture, hunting for the fur trade AND logging.

However, it is now logging that has the greatest potential to finish them off and in these circumstances it is madness to log their habitat, as is about to occur at Bermagui.

As for Sharon Fyffe s bizarre statement (Magnet 16/6) that koalas benefit from logging, and why, she says, you won t find them in a National Park, this begs the question: how did koalas survive for 15 million years without any help at all from loggers?

Yours sincerely

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Ps: Peter Rutherford has again omitted to mention that he is the Forestry Manager of the Eden chipmill. This is unethical.