

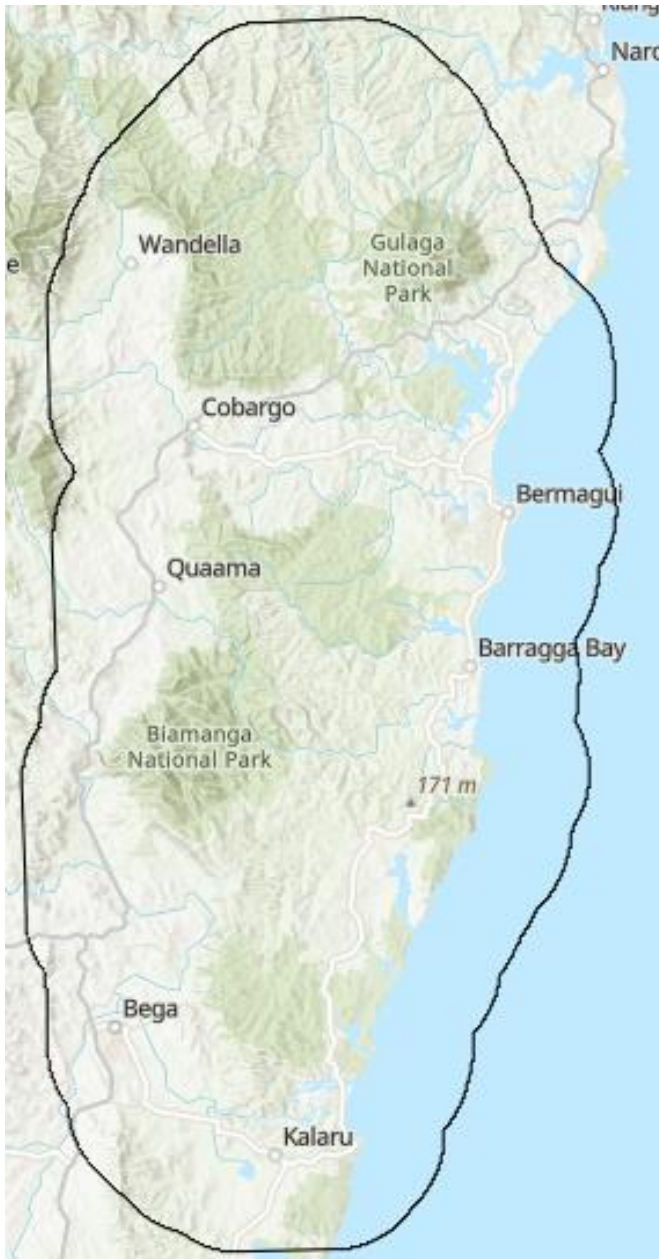
Koala habitat restoration project: Landholder Expression of Interest

The Bega Regional Circularity Cooperative is partnering with the NSW Koala Strategy to restore a minimum 60 Ha of koala habitat on private land within or adjoining the Murrah Area of Regional Koala Significance “ARKS” (see Map 1). We are seeking expressions of interest from private property owners in the eligible area who are interested in undertaking on ground works to restore koala habitat.

The maximum funding available for works is \$2000/ha and, where possible, funds will be paid directly to contractors. All projects must be completed and paid by the 30th June 2025.

Approved activities include:

- Site preparation
- Bush regeneration / weed control
- Stock exclusion Fencing
- Seed/tubestock purchase
- Tree planting



Map 1: Area of eligible koala habitat restoration projects

Selection criteria:

1. Project site located on private land within the Bega ARKS boundary (Map 1)
2. Proposed project can be implemented and completed successfully within the \$2000/ha budget.
3. Project involves the implementation of an approved restoration activity.

Priority will be directed to projects that restore the habitat of existing koala habitat and to projects that provide the greatest value for money.

Project Requirements

Restoration works are to be undertaken in accordance with the Koala Habitat Restoration Guidelines (DPE 2022). This includes that:

Plantings must include at least 30% of total canopy trees that are koala preferred tree species (i.e. primary or secondary preferred food trees) for the region and should also include non-eucalypt trees and shrubs for shelter.

Plantings must adhere to planting density guidelines for the relevant region (refer to the online koala management area (KMA) revegetation fact sheets).

Restoration activities undertaken at sites with existing koala habitat (eg fencing, weed control) must have at least 30% of total canopy trees that are koala preferred tree species.

Restoration monitoring will need to be undertaken to measure the success of weed control and the survival of seedlings.

All restoration projects must be registered in the Habitat Restoration HUB.

For more information contact:

Melissa Balas: 0408 669637, or
Jess Bettanin: 0477 063 920

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Koala habitat restoration project Project Expression of Interest Form

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Phone Number: _____

Project site address:

Applicant's residential address:

Approximate area (in Ha) of proposed habitat restored: _____

Brief description of proposed project:

Proposed cash or in-kind contribution (not mandatory): _____

Approximate proposed budget: _____

Please return this form via email to: info@begacircularvalley.com.au by 30th April 2024.

This project is supported with funding from the NSW Koala Strategy (NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water). Project support is being provided by the Bega Group.

For more information or to discuss possible projects please contact either Melissa Balas 0408 669637 or Jess Bettanin 0477 063 920 (work days: Wed – Friday).