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Our trees and wildlife urgently need your support!

Yesterday the Toowoomba Regional Council voted **to shelve the Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI)** to protect ecologically significant areas in favour of a vague and unclear motion to produce a report exploring options. This decision has left our region's trees and native animals in limbo and still vulnerable to clearing, despite decades of community calls for stronger protections.

What is clear is that we are going to need to work hard over the coming months to demonstrate the importance and urgency of this issue.

That is where you come in.

We are launching ***The Nature That Needs You*** action to show Councillors just how much our community values these irreplaceable habitats. Here's how you can help

Take Action Today:

1. **Take a photo** of a native animal or significant tree in your area.
2. **Post it on Facebook or Instagram.**
 - o Add a caption sharing why protecting significant habitat trees and the animals that depend on them matters to you and how you believe building our homes can be done without destroying theirs just as they do in other SEQ councils.
 - o Tag TRC Councillors and DDEC:
@Toowoomba Region, @Cr Kerry Shine - Toowoomba Regional Council, @Mayor Geoff McDonald Councillor, @Dr Rebecca Vonhoff, @Cr Melissa Taylor for Our Region, @Cr Tim McMahon - TRC, @Cr Edwina Farquhar, @Trevor Manteufel for TRC, @Cr James O'Shea, @Cr Carol Taylor, @Councillor Gary Gardner, @Councillor Bill Cahill Toowoomba Region Council, and @Darling Downs Environment Council.
 - o Use the hashtags **#NatureThatNeedsYou #ProtectOurTrees #KeepToowoombaCool #ToowoombaTLPI** and ask people to get involved by visiting https://www.ddec.org.au/the_nature_that_needs_you
3. **Submit your photo** below to be included in DDEC's collective submission to Council.

[Click here to submit](#)



Every photo and story strengthens our call for urgent action to protect our region's ecologically significant areas. Together, we can push Council to take the necessary steps to implement meaningful protections for our natural heritage.

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You may be thinking, we need to do more than just send photos and you are right. This is just the start. **Get involved and help us step it up to council and the developers by coming to our meeting next Tuesday the 10th at the DDEC Bur Dain Dan Eco Hut from 5pm.** Reply to this email for more information.

Thank you for standing up for nature.

Warm regards,
Ahri Tallon
Coordinator
Darling Downs Environment Council

P.S. Your voice makes a difference! Please share this email with your friends, family and networks to amplify our message.

P.P.S [See our full comment in our media release here.](#)

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