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Dear Elizabeth,

Have you ever seen claims like “wind farms kill whales” or “renewables generate massive waste” and wondered what’s true? Much of what we see online about the environment is **coordinated disinformation**, designed to mislead and derail meaningful action.

We’re inviting you to a FREE interactive workshop:

Dealing with Environmental Misinformation

Presenter: Dr Barbara Ryan

Date: Thursday, 22 January 2026

Time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Toowoomba City Library, Herries St, Toowoomba

In this session, you’ll learn:

- How environmental disinformation spreads and why it sticks,
- How to detect and defuse false claims,
- Simple strategies to communicate evidence clearly and protect public dialogue,
- Practical ways to turn frustration into confident, constructive action.

Open to all members and supporters.

[RSVP for the workshop here!](#)

Showgrounds Koala Habitat At Risk!!!

While we have your attention I wanted to alert you about the opportunity to take immediate action on the **proposed rezoning at 300 Drayton Wellcamp Road (a property containing significant Koala habitat)**, which threatens koala habitat, wildlife corridors, and community amenity.

We’ve made it easy for you to **have your say with Council** — simply use this **short template submission below**.

Your voice can help protect:

- Koala populations and native wildlife around the Toowoomba Showgrounds precinct for the 2032 Olympics.
- Remnant vegetation and ecological connectivity,
- The liveability of Western Glenvale

Every submission counts. Act now to support biodiversity, community amenity, and responsible urban planning.

[Make a submission about 300 Drayton Wellcamp Rd](#)

[Send an email to TRC Councillors asking them to intervene!](#)

Because truth deserves champions — especially when our environment depends on it.

Thank you for taking action,

Ahri and the team from the **Protect Trees Campaign and The Darling Downs Environment Council**

P.s. If you are free next Tuesday the 20th at 5.30pm there will be a community meeting at the end of Rebecca St in Glenvale about this issue.

Template submission to copy and paste/edit:

- **Address of Application / Street Address:** 300 Drayton Wellcamp Road
- **City:** Toowoomba
- **State:** Queensland (QLD)
- **Postcode:** 4350
- **Application Number:** MCUI/2025/7307

Dear Assessment Manager,

I am writing to provide a submission regarding the proposed development at **300 Drayton Wellcamp Road (MCUI/2025/7307)**.

I am concerned that the proposal:

- Conflicts with the upcoming **Planning Scheme review** and is **premature**,
- Threatens the **koala population and native wildlife corridors**, which are important for biodiversity and for potential **nature-based experiences near the Toowoomba Showgrounds**, especially with the 2032 Olympics,
- Increases housing density and lot sizes in a way that **negatively impacts existing rural residential properties**, community amenity, and privacy,
- Poses risks to **remnant vegetation, waterways, and ecosystem connectivity**.

I request that Council **reject the current rezoning and development application** or, at a minimum, put in place a Planning Scheme Amendment to ensure that any approval includes multiple layers of zoning that requires:

- Permanent **wildlife corridors and ecological buffers** connecting the vegetated hills north and south of the Showgrounds and south west of the proposed area for rezoning,
- **Transitional densities and minimum lot sizes** that respect existing rural residential properties,
- **Tree and koala habitat protections**, including enforceable buffer zones.

Protecting our natural environment, including koalas and other native species, is critical for the **liveability of our community and for eco-tourism opportunities during the Olympics**. If TRC and the State Government do not act to protect this population and it disappears I will help to make sure the animal loving attendees at the Olympics know about it!

We need the council to put in place tree protections and habitat corridor requirements for new developments urgently.

Thank you for considering my submission.



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