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Jones meets the Terminator while Koalas are wiped out

While Kate Jones is busy tweeting about meeting celebrities such as Arnold Schwarzenegger in Copenhagen, South East Queensland koalas are continuing to die, the Opposition said today.

LNP Environment spokesman Glen Elmes said Question on Notice 1712 showed the Climate Change and Sustainability Minister could not explain why Labor's planning policies have failed to stop the dramatic decline in local koala population.

"Despite being listed as a species 'vulnerable to extinction' in South East Queensland since 2004, the number of koalas is rapidly diminishing.

"The Minister may claim that she has banned habitat clearing, but as the residents of Thornlands know, such bans only last as long as it's politically expedient to do so.

"Tiny pockets of disconnected bush land are not enough to sustain these vulnerable species, something the Minister should realise considering the 64 per cent decline of koalas under the Labor Government's koala conservation policy measures.

"Maybe if Kate Jones wasn't so busy gushing on twitter about meeting her childhood Hollywood idols she might be able to answer the simple question – why have Labor's policies failed to protect our koalas?"

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