

Koala Sensitive Developments

Koala Friendly Fencing

One of the biggest obstacles koalas face in urban communities during their nightly movements is fencing. Without too much cost and effort, we can assist koalas with easy movements through residential communities.

By definition “A Koala Friendly” fence does not hinder the movement of, or trap, a koala.

The following approaches to fence design are aimed at reducing the impact of fences on koala movement and mortality:

1. For fences that will allow koala to climb easily over or get through:
 - a. Choose materials that a koala can easily grip and climb (e.g. Timber post-and-rail or chain wire);
 - b. Using rails or slats that are not more than 15cm wide;
 - c. Leave at least a 30cm gap between ground level and the first rail or strand;
 - d. Timber fence styles are easily traversed by koalas and are preferred.

2. For fences that a koala will find difficult traversing:
 - a. Install a timber post leaning against the fence at a 45 degree angle on either side;
 - b. Plant vegetation within very close proximity (branches touching) on either side of the fence to provide a natural ladder;
 - c. Install planks or panels horizontally along the top of the fence to provide a walkway.

Please Note: *The 3 tier galvanised fence around the boundary is a Koala friendly fence.*