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Koala Friendly Fencing

A koala friendly fence is one that koalas can easily climb over, through or under, allowing them to move freely around their habitat. The most common types of koala friendly fencing include post and rails or post and wire (no barbed wire). Koala friendly fencing can greatly assist koala movement and dispersal through back yards. Some fence designs can trap a koala and leave it vulnerable to attack by domestic dogs or livestock and restrict access to important food and shelter trees.

Koalas cannot climb:

- Colorbond® fencing
- Corrugated iron
- Brick
- Stone
- Vertical railings
- Solid fencing, metal sheeting

Some suggestions:

- Give koalas an alternative route over a fence, for e.g. incorporate existing trees into the fence (see below)
- Retain or plant trees near and along the fence line
- Add a flat board at the top of a fence to allow a koala to walk along it without needing to come to the ground
- Install timber posts or logs (at least 125 mm in diameter) on both sides of an existing fence at an angle (< 60 degrees) to allow a koala to climb up, over and then down the other side.
- Use fencing materials that koalas can easily grip and climb, such as timber posts or a chain wire mesh.

Examples of easy to grip and modified fences:

