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Please don't play politics with the koalas, Mr Gay

Duncan Gay, the NSW National Party MLC who is coming to Gunnedah on Thursday to have “conversations” with local people before committing to supporting a NSW Upper House Inquiry into the actions of the RSPCA over the removal of koalas from the Waterways Wildlife Park in February has been asked by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor not to play politics on the issue.

Mr Windsor said that Mr Gay has stated that his fellow National Party MLC, Trevor Khan has been keeping him informed of events and looks to be purely milking the situation.

“Mr Gay knows that the National Party will support the Inquiry so he shouldn't milk it for political advantage – he should just get on with it.

“Mr Gay doesn't need to have ‘conversations’ with local people before committing the National Party to support an inquiry into the RSPCA's actions at the Waterways Wildlife Park.

“Mr Gay would know very well the depth of feeling in the community and the level of support for Nancy and Colin Small.

“Mr Gay has stated ‘Trevor Khan has been talking to me for some time regarding this matter and concerns on it’ and he shouldn't need any more time to commit himself and his National Party to supporting the Upper House Inquiry.

“The RSPCA played a self promotional game when it first raided the Park with cameras rolling, the National Party should know better than to play a similar self promoting role.

“I ask Mr Gay not to play politics with the koalas.

“Just support the Inquiry and the Gunnedah Community in their quest for the truth on this matter,” Mr Windsor said.

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