



# Scientists map out koala genetics

AUSTRALIA'S dwindling koala population could receive better treatment for diseases thanks to new genetic research.

The research, led by Dr Rebecca Johnson from the Australian Museum and Professor Peter Timms from the Queensland University

of Technology, has worked out the initial sequencing of the koala genome.

The data was helping researchers understand why Queensland and NSW koalas had been crippled by the spread of chlamydia, while Victorian populations were largely unaffected. **AAP**