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Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation (MPKC) has been shocked to learn of Mornington Peninsula Shire's decision to host the Harry Potter event in the Wildlife Sanctuary at The Briars. Since learning of the decision, MPKC holds genuine concerns for the welfare of the animals that live within the Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed nightly exposure to artificial lighting, noise and high increased foot traffic will undoubtedly cause them unnecessary stress and fear. For koalas, the continued exposure to these impacts over the duration of the event may result in stress-induced disease, causing significant illness, possibly resulting in death.

MPKC is aware of the many threats and pressures facing native wildlife on the Mornington Peninsula and actively works to minimise these. Part of which is advocating for wildlife who do not otherwise have a voice. For this reason, MPKC fully opposes the Harry Potter event being held in the Wildlife Sanctuary at The Briars and urges Mornington Peninsula Shire to change the location.

  
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