

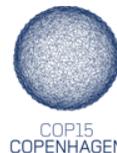


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Koala's advice to President Obama live from Copenhagen

As USA President Barack Obama seeks to negotiate a global agreement between developed and developing nations to tackle climate change, the Australian Koala Foundation wants to remind Mr Obama to take care of his own forests before telling other nations how to manage theirs.

According to Australian Koala Foundation CEO Deborah Tabart OAM, the first world are hypocrites telling the third world how to manage their forests when they misuse their own.

"What we've got to remember is that Australia is part of the first world and no matter what our Prime Minister Rudd says, or President Obama, the koala trees that I love so much will not be protected by the current proposals," Ms Tabart said.

"President Obama, you have the ability to lead the world out of this and yet your forests in Oregon are going down very very fast.

"So you can't tell the Third World 'don't do what I'm doing'.

"I don't know how developed countries expect to reach an agreement with developing countries when nations like Australia and the United States refuse to honour and protect their existing forests and habitats like the koalas.

"President Obama, by recognising the environmental and carbon value of existing forests and protecting them, you could make a great contribution to saving this world for future generations."

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Please go to <http://www.savethekoala.com/deborahatabartsdesk.html> to watch Deborah Tabart's video message to President Obama

MEDIA NOTE: QUALITY BROADCAST QUALITY B-ROLL AVAILABLE

- The AKF has quality broadcast footage available from Copenhagen. Please go to www.climatetalks.tv and click on "Carbon and koalas collide at COP15" to download quotes from Deborah Tabart calling for President Obama to protect native forests (time code: 3:36- 4:42).
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