



*****EMBARGO - 9AM TUES 4TH MAY 2010*****

SOS for Koalas

On 6th May 2010 Deborah Tabart OAM CEO of the Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) will be leading a workshop with SOS Liverpool Plains, a collective of women dedicated to the support of the Caroon Coal Action Group.

Ms Tabart will be sharing her experience of promoting important environmental causes, discussing how she delivers a focused and powerful message and her strategies for engaging with the community, especially those who feel they are not affected by the issue, at the workshop at Caroon Hall.

“Protection of the Australian landscape is inextricably linked to koalas, the environment, food production and resource extraction - issues that directly affect every Australian”, Ms Tabart said.

The workshop is timely for SOS Liverpool Plains as, pending debate in the Legislative Council, the NSW Government may try to introduce an amendment to the Mining Act on the 11th May 2010 which would see the overturning of the Supreme Court ruling on access agreements.

Mr Tim Duddy from the Caroon Coal Action Group is quoted as saying, “It's [taking] all the responsibility and costs that were with the mining industry and putting it on the land holder”.

The workshop is another crucial part of Ms Tabart's year of action after she made a pledge at the start of the year to travel to the front lines of the fight for the protection of koalas and the environment.

To find out ways to help the Australian Koala Foundation save our koalas, visit the website at www.savethekoala.com.

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- **Interview opportunities: Deborah Tabart OAM, ph 0407 750 668**
 - **Ms Tabart will also be touring the area of Narrabri on Friday 8th May 2010 and will be available for interviews arranged via the number above.**