



BLIGH PROTESTETH TOO MUCH!

Like Hamlet, Premier Bligh is protesting too much about where her political donations will come from. Despite Ms. Bligh's claims that she will limit 'developer' donations to no more than \$1000, CEO of the Australian Koala Foundation Ms. Deborah Tabart OAM believes this is not going to stop developers claiming their 'pound of flesh' in the form of large tracts of koala habitat.

"The Great Growth Debate being held in Brisbane this Friday and the ultimate Growth Summit on the 30th March are nothing more than a mandate for large developers to get what they want and nothing, including koala habitat, stands in their way." Ms. Tabart said.

"If you look at the new projected developments like Flagstone, Yarrabilba, Springfield, Ripley, North Lakes, Palm View, Caloundra South and Noosagata, they are the love children of the development companies going to this industry talk fest this Friday

"The day is being touted as a Debate, but there are 3 small voices for sustainability with 25 developers dominating the debate. So much for democracy", said Tabart

"There seems to be a relentless rush to increase Australia's population to 35 million people by 2035. This concept seems to have come out of nowhere and it appears that our Prime Minister and our Federal Treasurer, both from Queensland, want all these new Australians to live here in South East Queensland.

"Whilst the Australian Koala Foundation understands that Australia and our lifestyle is the best in the world, the people of Australia need to understand that rushed and inappropriate development, guised under the banner of 'cheap housing' and cute names like 'Fonzie Flats', is not the way forward to a sustainable future. Interestingly enough the cheap Fonzie flats are in excess of \$350,000 – hardly within the reach of the average Australian", said Tabart.

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- **Interview opportunities: Deborah Tabart OAM, ph 0407 750 668**
- **Ms Tabart will also be available for interviews at the QLD Media Club luncheon on Friday 5 March 2010 at Chifley at Lennons in Brisbane**