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\*\*\* MEDIA ALERT \*\*\*

### Koala Woman to Give Evidence at Senate Inquiry

In the days before the Senate Inquiry *into the status, health and sustainability of the koala* is due to start hearing evidence in Brisbane on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, the Australian Koala Foundation (AKF) has issued a suite of media releases.

CEO of the Foundation Deborah Tabart OAM who will be appearing before the Inquiry on Tuesday said the media releases highlighted the large spectrum of issues for which the koala is a flagship.

“Protecting the koala across such a broad landscape is difficult and these press releases show the breadth and depth of the problems around the country.

“Take your pick. Coal seam gas, coal mining, forestry, development, roads and of course good old fashioned cut the trees down.

“We are hoping the Senate Inquiry on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, will be the first step in our federal government really understanding that the koala needs their help; It has been too long coming.”

Tabart insists that her key message to the members of the committee, “list the koala under the EPBC Act”, is heeded.

“Good companies should never fear environmental legislation, only shonky dodgy brothers would fear meeting their environmental responsibilities” said Ms Tabart.

The media releases can be viewed and downloaded here  
[www.savethekoala.com/senatemedial.html](http://www.savethekoala.com/senatemedial.html)

Deborah Tabart OAM will be appearing before the Senate Inquiry **Tuesday, 3 May 2011 at 11.05am**

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#### SENATE INQUIRY HEARING

**WHEN: Tuesday, 3 May**

**TIME: 9:30am-4:50pm (Deborah will be giving evidence at 11.05am)**

**WHERE: Speaker's Hall, Queensland Parliament, Brisbane**

#### Interview opportunities:

- **Deborah Tabart OAM, CEO Australian Koala Foundation, will be available for interviews ph 0407 750 668**

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