



Australian Koala Foundation

The international organisation dedicated to saving the Koala and its habitat.

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Deborah Tabart OAM has dedicated her life to Koala conservation but is far from content with the status quo. Behind the cute and cuddly public images of Koalas cradled in the arms of visiting celebrities and political dignitaries, an inconvenient truth remains: Koala populations are in critical decline. With her trademark wit, substance and flair, Deborah has made a career of speaking the truth about the Koala to politicians, government scientists and developers. Her message is loud and clear: saving the Koala is non-negotiable and legislating for a Koala Protection Act to protect remaining Koala habitat is essential.

Deborah's determined, no holds barred approach to speaking about habitat preservation has ruffled more than a few feathers over the years, but she believes it is essential for the public to understand about the clear and present danger facing our nation's most iconic species and of course us – No Tree No Me. The world needs forests for a healthy planet.

In 2008 Deborah received one of Australia's highest individual honours, the Order of Australia Medal (OAM). She believes the country's decision to award her with an OAM signals a positive shift in community awareness of the indispensability of healthy, functioning ecosystems to sustain all life.

"This recognition shows the increasing importance of protecting our koalas and the world's natural environment. I plan to use the honour to raise the profile of our cause further and encourage the community, the government and businesses to do everything they can to lend a hand."

Deborah is an excellent communicator, speaking passionately about her career as CEO of the AKF and why she thinks the Koala can act as a flagship for all species on earth. With humour and intelligence, she tackles the big questions about how to save the Koala and how you might engage in the cause.

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