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Deborah's footsteps on Save the Koala Day

Deborah Tabart OAM, CEO of Australian Koala Foundation will spend the morning of Save the Koala Day, this Friday visiting Ms. Barbara Robinson, a local Berrinba resident concerned about the potential loss of Koala habitat around her property - as a result of a new road.

Ms. Robinson will be presented with a Koala Habitat Atlas Map of her surrounding area. Deborah believes the map will justify Ms. Robinson's argument in her bid to not only protect her personal property from fragmentation but to protect the immense amount of Koala habitat in surrounding areas which are under considerable threat from powerlines and urban expansion. Ms. Tabart – The Koala Woman – says this is a classic example of where Government maps are wrong and the developers are just allowed to bulldoze their way through sensitive habitats.

“Government maps say the land is not worth protecting, but I challenge Minister for the Environment; Andrew Powell, to show me why this road should go ahead” said Ms. Tabart.

From here, Tabart will attend the Queensland Media Club Luncheon, with CEO of Greenpeace Australia Pacific, David Ritter. Deborah said she will be fascinated to hear if Mr. Ritter believes that business and conservation can work in hand.

“My personal experience – and with 25 years under my belt, is that business does not play by the rules” said Ms. Tabart.

“The environment always loses – if that wasn't the case, the Koala would not be listed as vulnerable, the Koala Coast population would not be functionally extinct, and the Australian Koala Foundation would not be seeking a Koala Protection Bill to be tabled in Parliament in the coming month” she said.

Fighting for the Koala Species and its habitat for 25 years, Deborah Tabart will not stop until a Koala Protection Act exists within Australia.

The Australian Koala Foundation is the principal non-profit, non-government organisation dedicated to the conservation and effective management of the wild koala and its habitat.

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

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Photo Opportunity: 10am – 292 Browns Plains Road, Berrinba
Interview Opportunity: 2:30pm – Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Corner of Glenelg and Merivale Streets, South Brisbane

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