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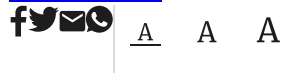
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Cara Delevingne: the new model actress

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 Cara Delevingne plays the enigmatic Margo in Paper Towns opposite Nat Wolff, who plays her entranced neighbour, Quentin.

British supermodel and actress Cara Delevingne says she has never been happier since making the transition from modelling to acting, but jokes she is still a goofball.

At her first Australian media appearance for the premiere of her new movie *Paper Towns*, the model, who is in a relationship with female American musician St Vincent, also urged Prime Minister Tony Abbott to "listen to the rest of the world" when it comes to gay marriage.

The actress - dressed boldly in a short and shiny forest-green dress by Australian designer Dion Lee, black strappy Saint Laurent heels and orange eyeshadow - is talking love in all its forms.

Delevingne draws a parallel between her screaming fans outside the Events cinema at Westfield Miranda and the co-lead character Quentin in her movie.

Both talk of love - her fans with her; Quentin with her character Margo - but that's different to being in love, she says.

"They [the fans] were like I love you, and I love them but I don't know them and they don't know me," she says of her fans.

"Love . . . people use that too much. But love is different, and the fact that Quentin thinks he's in love with Margo, I think that's the problem there."

Adapted from the novel by John Green, who also wrote *The Fault In Our Stars*, *Paper Towns* is a coming-of-age film directed by Jake Schreier.

The film centres on neighbours Quentin (Nat Wolff) and the enigmatic Margo (Delevingne). After taking him on an all-night adventure through their hometown, Margo suddenly disappears, leaving Quentin a series of clues to track her down.

When asked if she can associate herself with the unobtainable goddess that is Margo, she snorts.

"Bullcrap! People have definitely put that on me and being like, you're the supermodel, and I'm not that person at all - I'm a goofball."

In fact, she says, she was "a lot less confident" than Margo when she was in her teenage years.

Delevingne, who was in Australia for just two days, kicked off her film career with a non-speaking part in the 2012 film adaptation of *Anna Karenina*.

Making the transition from modelling to acting wasn't hard in the least, she says.

"I've wanted to act since I was 4, so since I got the opportunity there's no time to make it hard. I've never been happier doing this job and working with the people I'm working with."

Delevingne, who also sings and plays the drums and guitar, has a packed filming schedule ahead.

She is currently filming *Suicide Squad* alongside Margot Robbie and has also signed on to star in Luc Besson's adaptation of 1967 sci-fi graphic novel *Valerian*, alongside Dane Dehaan. AAP

- *Paper Towns* is released in Australia on July 16.



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