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## Koalas miss the cut

THERE is little chance of better protection for koalas under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, says Australian Koala Foundation executive Debbie Tabart. She has been banging away at Senate hearings into the decline of koalas but is pessimistic that anything will be done because protection under the Act really does not kick in until the animals reach a critically low point in numbers. Tabart says koalas would fit the criteria if there were just 100 left. In the meantime, their numbers continue to decline.

