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Tears shed for Tweed coast koalas

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A leading campaigner for koala conservation says she cried when she read the latest report to the Tweed Shire Council.

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The president of Team Koala, Jenni Hayes, says estimates in the latest study put the Tweed Coast koala population at less than 150.

The Tweed Council this week passed a new tree-preservation order to extend protection for koala habitat over a further 1870 hectares of land in the district.

Ms Hayes says the council's reaction is a positive move.

"I am so grateful that a report has been done so we have the statistics now, we know how critically grave the situation is, and unless aggressive action is taken now we will lose our Tweed Coast koala for ever," she said.

"It's a start, and I was so grateful to see that it was a unanimous decision by all councillors, I want to thank them for that and it is a start... in the positive direction and you know, onward and upward from here," Ms Hayes said.

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