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Organisation making the submission (if applicable)	Blue Mountains Bushfire Wildlife Volunteer Group
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Your position in the organisation (if applicable)	Founder
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Your story	<p>After the devastation of the bushfires, there was no support in the ground to feed our wildlife. Wires and National Parks and Wildlife did not respond and our remaining wildlife were starving.</p> <p>Our group was formed in response to this need, working with an ecologist we formed a volunteer group of around 49 volunteers who still continue to give their time to sustain wildlife. We feed through sourced donations and a team of people behind the scenes making this easy and possible for our volunteers who have attended training and abide by best practice rules established for the group and under the guidance of our ecologist.</p> <p>We could not apply for a grant through WIRES and have not received any support from government. There was nothing in place to support wildlife after this catastrophe and there needs to be for future emergencies.</p>
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We work and support groups all over Australia doing the same. Please put a process in place going forward that allows feeding and nest box installation in impacted areas and have teams ready to respond that are paid to do this vital work to make a bigger difference and stop wildlife starving to death after horrific bushfires. With global warming this will happen more frequently and a response team needs to be ready.

The images I've seen from a team I work with of the animals that had starved to death in national Parkes is sickening. They were refused entry to feed and the loss has been even greater since the fires. This needs to be investigated and a plan made for the future or we will have more and more endangered or extinct wildlife.

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Lack of preparation for emergency feeding for wildlife in catastrophic events

1.2 Preparation and planning

Planning and training needs to be in place and a response team ready for future events

1.3 Response to bushfires

In backburning situations, wildlife need to be considered and evacuated prior to commenced burns.

1.4 Any other matters

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