

Media Release

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BUSHFIRE RECOVERY SUPPORT FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

Labor is protecting native wildlife and local bushland impacted by devastating bushfires.

The 2026 bushfires burned more than 400,000 hectares of land, causing widespread destruction.

Minister Dimopoulos today announced \$2.6 million for urgent conservation and recovery for threatened species impacted by the fires.

The support is jointly funded by the Albanese Labor Government and Allan Labor Government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

In the state's north east, \$600,000 is being invested in emergency programs to help vulnerable aquatic species such as native fish, crayfish and frogs.

Immediate recovery work with \$221,000 for the nationally endangered Booroolong frog focuses on habitat restoration and threat management.

\$100,000 is being spent in the Mallee for restoration and conservation work for the vulnerable Pink Cockatoo.

\$200,000 will support our Dingo population in Wyperfeld National Park with water supply points to prevent local wildlife going onto nearby farms.

In Gippsland, actions are underway to strengthen the long-term survival of the Eastern Bristlebird through targeted habitat and predator management with \$109,000.

The Otways will receive \$200,000 for Grasstrees to protect the habitat for threatened native mammals including the Southern Brown Bandicoot, Long nosed Potoroo, Swamp Antechinus and White footed Dunnart.

Projects will be delivered with partners Parks Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Victorian Fisheries Authority, Trust for Nature Victoria and Traditional Owner groups.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos

"Victoria has unique native wildlife that are under threat from recent bushfires, Labor is protecting our iconic animals."

"We are moving from emergency bushfire response to long term recovery across the state to protect the health and wellbeing of our native wildlife."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Murray Watt

"Sadly our wildlife are often at the forefront of natural disasters and it can take a long time for populations, and the places they call home, to rebound."

"The Albanese Government is very pleased to partner with the Allan Government to deliver these important projects which will support urgent conservation and recovery efforts for threatened species impacted by the fires."

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