



## National Roundtable on Bushfire Recovery for Wildlife and Habitats in Priority Regions

On 11 August 2020, the Minister for the Environment the Hon Sussan Ley MP held the Regional Bushfire Recovery National Roundtable. Leaders from more than 20 biodiversity conservation, philanthropic, environment, wildlife care and natural resource management organisations came together to discuss the Australian Government’s \$110 million regionally-focused investment in bushfire recovery.

Roundtable participants were generous in sharing experience and constructive advice during discussions about key principles to underpin the delivery of the Australian Government’s \$110 million regional investments in bushfire recovery for wildlife and habitats. The following were identified as important considerations:

- need to **build on early action** to understand and respond to the bushfire impacts through the Australian Government’s initial \$50 million investment
- **science** should have a role in local priority setting
- genuine **co-design with communities** to incorporate local and Indigenous knowledge
- **coordination** of efforts from multiple levels of government and other organisations investing in recovery
- **partnership opportunities** and the magnifying effect they can have on-ground
- the value of **clear and open communication** so local people can understand the decisions made and the work being planned in their region
- **learnings** from the response to the devastating 2019–20 bushfire season should be incorporated into planning for future fire events.

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