Animal Welfare & Extinction

Background

Australia's native wildlife is an important part of the country's biodiversity and natural environment. The decline of native species and increasing environmental pressures on wildlife can affect the health, diversity, and resilience of ecosystems that depend on them.

The loss of natural habitats and climate change are putting more wildlife at risk. Protecting native species requires ongoing conservation efforts, greater public awareness, and cooperation among governments, researchers, animal welfare organisations, conservation groups, and local communities.

HOPE Inc. (Australia)'s Position

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. (Australia) believes that protecting native wildlife and preventing species decline are important components of responsible and sustainable environmental stewardship.

We support wildlife conservation, protection of native species and their habitats, greater awareness of biodiversity threats, and conservation programs that contribute to the long-term survival of Australia's native wildlife.

HOPE Inc. (Australia) recognises that effective wildlife protection requires collaboration between conservation organisations, animal welfare organisations, governments, researchers, councils, schools, community groups, volunteers, and the wider community.

Why This Position Matters

The decline or loss of native species can have lasting impacts on biodiversity and the ecosystems in which those species live. Ongoing habitat loss and climate-related pressures can further threaten species survival and increase pressure on vulnerable wildlife.

Protecting wildlife takes more than raising awareness. HOPE encourages people to get involved in conservation projects, wildlife rescue, citizen science, education, and other community activities that help protect native species.

HOPE Inc. (Australia) believes that strong partnerships, informed communities, and long-term conservation efforts can help protect wildlife and strengthen community involvement in biodiversity conservation.

Key Advocacy Priorities

HOPE Inc. (Australia) advocates for:

- protection and conservation of Australia's native wildlife and biodiversity;
- long-term action to address species decline and protect vulnerable native species and their habitats;
- greater public awareness and education about wildlife conservation, biodiversity threats, and species decline and solutions to this;
- community participation in wildlife protection, conservation programs, wildlife rescue initiatives, and citizen science;
- stronger collaboration between conservation organisations, governments, researchers, councils, schools, community groups, and other environmental and/ or animal welfare partner groups; and
- continued support for conservation programs and practical initiatives that contribute to the long-term protection of Australia's native species.

HOPE Inc. (Australia)'s Commitment

HOPE Inc. (Australia) is committed to raising awareness of wildlife conservation, species decline, and biodiversity protection through education, advocacy, collaboration, and community engagement.

We will continue to share conservation information and partner programs, promote community participation in wildlife protection, support conservation initiatives, and work with environmental partners to encourage practical actions that help protect Australia's native species and biodiversity.

Closing Statement

This Position Statement reflects HOPE Inc. (Australia)'s commitment to advocating for responsible and sustainable stewardship of the environment. It supports the objectives of the **HOPE Strategic Plan 2024–2029** and provides the foundation for HOPE Inc. (Australia)'s advocacy, partnerships, and community engagement on Animal Welfare & Extinction.

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