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## Media Alert: A new home for endangered and injured native carnivores

Conmurra Wildlife Sanctuary has been successful in receiving funds through the WIRES National Grants Program to build a new wildlife care facility near Bathurst in Central NSW. The Conmurra Native Carnivore Conservation & Rehabilitation Centre will be built on the sanctuary and designed to not only breed endangered species like quolls and phascogales, but also rehabilitate these animals after fires, accidents, or other mishaps.

"We are so excited to be given the support from WIRES to create this important facility, which will provide more care options for local endangered wildlife", said Conmurra Owner Joel Little.

Due to habitat loss, droughts, floods, bushfires and increased interactions with humans, more animals are being threatened with extinction, being injured, or being brought into care. The facility is located in Central NSW so it can cater for a range of native carnivore species and provide additional support for local vets or carers.

The breeding area has been designed so that captive animals can bred and move around in large protected natural habitats. Conmurra Wildlife Sanctuary has established relationships with other conservation organisations, and animals bred in the facility can quickly transition to wild reintroductions as part of recovery programs.

The rehabilitation area has a similar purpose with animals being able to receive closely monitored care when they first arrive before transitioning to larger and more natural enclosures which will help speed up their recovery and release back to the wild.

Local wildlife carers and vets will be invited to the facility when it opens so that the local carer community can share knowledge and help improve the level of care for some of our most rare native animals.

"This is exactly why we created Conmurra Wildlife Sanctuary," explained Mr Little. "Through projects like this we can get more endangered and rehabilitated wildlife back to the wild, where they belong".

This project received grant funding from WIRES through their annual National Grants Program. For more information go to www.wires.org.au/NGP

To get involved or support this project visit <u>www.conmurra.com.au</u> or follow Conmurra Wildlife Sanctuary on social media.

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