

1. What is the project and why is it needed?

The demands on RSPCA Qld's services are ever-increasing and the current Wildlife Hospital at Wacol is exceeding its current capacity with over 27,000 wildlife coming into care in FY25. This has created a pressing and urgent need to build a new and expanded facility, one which better delivers critical care and specialised rehabilitation to our precious wildlife, prompting us to launch our Wildlife Capital Campaign, *Together for Wildlife: our action, their future*.

A prime site, centrally located in the Redlands corridor has been secured in the IndigiScapes precinct in Capalaba. It will become Queensland's centre for wildlife education and research, providing leadership and knowledge as we collectively tackle the urgent and growing threat to our native animals and help protect them for generations to come.

2. What will happen to the injured and sick wildlife in the south-western region of Brisbane and Queensland once the wildlife hospital relocates from Wacol?

This will be supported by relevant facilities including the new Wildlife Hospital and in close collaboration with the broader network of wildlife hospitals and carers.

a. Why can't we expand at the existing Wacol campus?

The current Wacol Wildlife Hospital was built for a capacity of 5,000 incoming animals per year. The new Wildlife facility will feature expanded and purpose-made buildings with added rehabilitation and ward spaces. Due to the size requirements of these new facilities, they cannot be accommodated at the current Wacol site. In contrast to the existing facility, which is situated amid domestic animal care facilities at Wacol, the new location will be isolated from domestic animal contact, ensuring a calm and stress-free environment for wildlife recovery, free from disturbances like barking dogs.

3. Where will the funding for the project come from?

This project is proudly supported and funded by the Queensland Government, the Federal Government through the Saving Koalas Fund, our generous contributions from individual donors and the gifted land by Redland City Council:

- \$12 million commitment from the Queensland Government
- \$5 million in grant funding from the Federal Government under the Saving Koalas Fund
- \$3 million in generous contributions from individual donors
- Land at IndigiScapes from the Redland City Council

4. Will the Wildlife Hospital project detract from funding for domestic animal care and other core missions of RSPCA Qld?

The Wildlife Hospital project has its own dedicated funding streams supported by members of the public with different interests, including donations from the Capital Campaign, specific grants, partnerships and other fundraising efforts targeted exclusively for this initiative. These funds are separate from those allocated to domestic animal care and other core missions of RSPCA Qld.

The project is designed to complement and enhance RSPCA Qld's overall mission, which includes the care and protection of all animals, both domestic and wildlife. By establishing a facility for wildlife, we can expand our capacity to provide comprehensive care and improve outcomes for all animals in our care.

5. When will the new facility be completed?

The project completion is expected mid to late 2028 and key stakeholders will be updated as project activity progresses.