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RE: NSW NON-RELEASABLE NATIVE ANIMALS. A PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR CONSIDERATION

The Canary and Cage Bird Federation of Australia Inc. (CCBFA) acknowledge that the number of non-releasable native birds suitable for placement is relatively trivial. Nevertheless, there are examples of individual birds that can be ethically homed with private licensed animal keeper members for valid reasons in preference to euthanasia.

- As part of a captive breeding plan for threatened species.
- As part of captive breeding to improve genetic diversity in the captive population.
- To refine husbandry skills for species and their analogues rare or unknown in aviculture.
- Companionship with the same or analogue species.

Note these are ethical and similar reasons for placing animals with Animal Display Establishments (ADEs). It should be noted that most large Zoo and Aquarium Association ADEs do not focus on breeding many of the avian species in their collection, rather they recruit from private aviculturists. Therefore, an option to rehome with private aviculturists is at least as valid as it is for ADEs.

We draw your attention to the following recommendation of our expert bird group on 26/4/2017 - <https://www.ccbfa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/expert-group-recommendations-210417.pdf>

B.4 Examine options for species and individual animals to enter the system via carers. A system for rehabilitated wild animals that are unsuited to release to enter the system rather than be euthanised. Consideration of educational links and resource sharing between carer and aviculture groups for the benefit of both groups.

We recommend a simple process is developed as follows.

- A simple form is designed that includes written approval by the carer and their governing carer organisation for each individual animal. The recipient keeper's details and acceptance is also required on the form. That is, both parties must be in agreement.
- All completed forms are held by the carer organisation with copies held by the recipient keeper as proof of acquisition.
- Keepers may include BC Act private licensees or holders of animal display establishment licences under *The Exhibited Animals Protection Act 1986*.
- Species not currently listed on BC Act schedules will require completion of the final version of the draft risk assessment tool detailed in Appendix B.

Specifically, amend Recommendations 2(c), 3(c), 6, 8, 9, 10 of the proposed framework, to include placement via approved keeper representative groups, such as CCBFA.

Sincerely,



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