

Title: Creating a future for the Western Ground Parrot *Pezoporus flaviventris*

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In 2015, bushfires burnt through around 90% of the known habitat of the critically endangered western ground parrot (*Pezoporus flaviventris*). The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (formerly Parks and Wildlife) immediately responded to determine the extent of the impact on the population and provide additional security to the small numbers of birds that remained (estimated at <150), delivering additional feral cat control to the small areas of remaining habitat. Since then the Department has been proactive in mapping a future for this remarkable Western Australian bird. In March 2016, with the support of the IUCN through the Species Survival Commission, 39 delegates from 19 organisations gathered to discuss and plan potential solutions. For the Department, the workshop confirmed that priority recovery actions are protecting the wild population from fire and introduced predators, establishing a new wild population and supporting the captive program. Introduced predator control and monitoring work and ground parrot monitoring have continued through the South West Threatened Fauna Recovery Project, with the optimal timing for baiting in the mesic south west closer to being determined. Analysis of monitoring data suggests that efforts to protect the remaining birds have to date been successful, and the Department will continue to collaborate with other stakeholders to secure the future for the Western Ground Parrot.