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Hi there,
Please consider the following submission:

I would like to focus on the Grey Headed Flying Fox an endangered species.
I live in East Gippsland and am a volunteer wildlife rescuer with Wildlife Victoria.

In 2019 on 26th January with temperatures forecast in high 40s I went to assist another rescuer at the Maffra Grey Headed Flying Fox colony.

When I arrived in late afternoon there were dead and dying flying foxes at the bottom of trees, with my backpack sprayer I desperately sprayed water to try to cool them. So many died at Maffra and thousands at nearby Bairnsdale.

The Grey Headed Flying Fox needs more protection and support. Local councils are not always supportive of even simple measures such as sprinklers on heat stress days.

In January 2020 East Gippsland was devastated by bushfires and the Grey Headed Flying Fox lost much of the forests they depend on.

Could the enquiry consider more protection and support for the Grey Headed Flying Fox in Victoria. They are a wonderful species and critically important for our environment.

Sincerely
Catherine Foot

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This submission can be public.