

# Expression of Interest Form

## Save our Wildlife Foundation

**Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from the community and organisations to understand potential interest in supporting Save Our Wildlife Foundation Incorporated either through providing a location for their operations and/or contributing funding to develop SOWFI's capacity to undertake commercial leasing arrangements.**

SOWFI is a South Australian 24/7 wildlife rescue and advisory service run 100% by volunteers. It is a not-for-profit organisation. SOWFI responded to over 11,000 wildlife rescue calls in 2024-25. SOWFI are at risk of losing its philanthropic funding if it cannot locate a suitable site in the Adelaide Hills between Crafers and Blackwood where over 10% of its callouts are made.

SOWFI is proposing to establish a Wildlife Finishing School, this innovative project will significantly enhance SOWFI's capacity to rehabilitate an additional 130 possums annually while providing valuable volunteering opportunities for the Hills community.



Beyond possum rehabilitation, the school could offer additional benefits to both the local community and wildlife conservation efforts:

- Increased aviary capacity to support SOWFI's overburdened carers.
- Offer new and varied volunteering opportunities, especially for those interested in wildlife care who do not have the capacity to do so in their own homes.
- Potential use of aviaries for temporary housing of koalas during bushfire events.

SOWFI is ideally looking for a section of land (between 1000 - 2000m<sup>2</sup>) subject to all necessary development assessment, that could be home to the proposed wildlife finishing school.

The site will function as a 'boarding school' for possums, housing them in five large, custom-built aviaries during their critical pre-release phase. This setup will allow them to develop essential strength and agility, enabling a successful transition back into their natural habitat.

Importantly, no wildlife will be released at the rehabilitation site itself; all will be returned to their original rescue locations as per Department of Environment and Water permit requirements.

The aviary development has been generously funded by Terra Artemis, a philanthropic organisation dedicated to supporting conservation initiatives. Refer to plans in Figure 1.

SOWFI would ideally benefit from a site that includes access to power, water and secure undercover storage for ancillary equipment such as animal feed.

## Figure 1 Aviary Design

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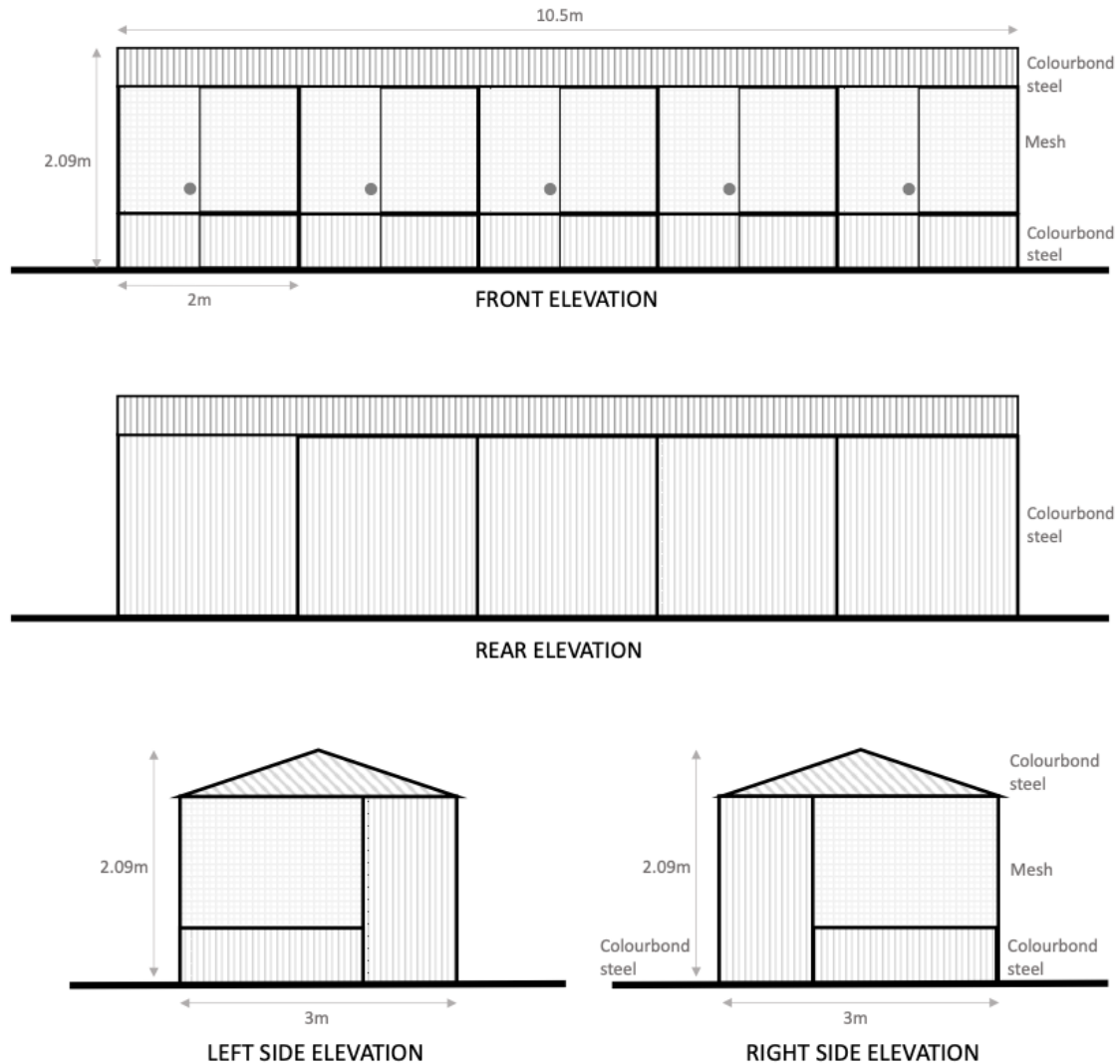


Figure 4 - Elevation Diagrams of proposed aviary complex

## Eligibility and Considerations

Eligibility will be considered based on a range of criteria, including:

- Development Assessment Criteria (Please call Adelaide Hills Council Planning Team on 8)
- Services, power, water, built form, access and security
- Bushfire Risks
- Landholder's ability and willingness to work with SOWFI to facilitate their operations (immediate need and future)

# Your Details

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## Applicants Name

First Name:	Last Name:
Best Contact Number:	Email:

## Landholder/Owner's Name

First Name:	Last Name:
Property Address:	
Street Address:	
City:	State:
Post Code:	Length of time owning Property:
Property Size (hectares – ha):	
Why are you interested in providing a location for SOWFI operations?	

## In-kind and Financial Contributions

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What kind of contributions (time or resources) are you able to provide to Save our Wildlife Foundation Incorporated? Some examples are provided below.

Fencing:		
Land clearance (with necessary approvals):		
Power Y/N	Water Y/N	Sewer Y/N
Buildings (fittings / fixtures):		
Other (please specify and submit maps / photographs):		

Have you participated in the any environmental or biodiversity conservation projects on your property, e.g. Landscapes SA, Heritage Agreement

Yes:	No:
If yes, please specify:	

Would you be happy to host contractors from SOWFI and potential visitors for education purposes, such as school and other community groups onto the site?

Yes:	No:
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Please attach any additional information to support your application. E.g., property photos, property assessments. **Complete this form and email it to: [mail@ahc.sa.gov.au](mailto:mail@ahc.sa.gov.au)**