



For immediate release:

10 October 2011

The Wombat Foundation Welcomes Footage of Joey

The not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation of the critically endangered northern hairy-nosed wombat has welcomed footage of a joey playing alongside its mother.

“The Wombat Foundation is pleased to see the footage of a healthy joey filmed outside of its mother’s pouch. This joey is very special. It is the first joey to be born following the historic translocation of northern hairy-nosed wombats to south-west Queensland” said Director, Jacqui Mills.

The translocation program started in July 2009 when the first individual wombats were captured in Epping Forest National Park in central Queensland and relocated to Yarran Downs Nature Refuge in South-West Queensland.

“The fact that the wombats at Yarran Downs Nature Refuge are breeding is a good sign. It shows that they are healthy and happy.

The Wombat Foundation commends the Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management on the translocation program.

However, it is clear that the northern hairy-nosed wombats are not yet out of the woods. They remain Queensland’s most endangered mammal.

The Wombat Foundation will continue to work to raise the profile of the northern hairy-nosed wombat.

We will soon launch an educational website for 8-12 year olds called *Wombats!* The site will bring the world of wombats alive for school students.

The Wombat Foundation is also embarking on innovative research seeking to shed light on the social communication of this elusive species. We are currently seeking funding to support our new research project entitled ‘Do hairy-nosed wombats talk to one another?’”