

## Your details

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## Submission details

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### I am making this submission as

Other

### Submission type

I am making a personal submission

### Your position in the organisation (if applicable)

Volunteer for Sydney Wildlife Rescue

### Consent to make submission public

I would like this submission to remain anonymous

## Share your experience or tell your story

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### Your story

I am a volunteer with Sydney Wildlife Rescue and over the last 3 1/2 years we have been raising money to fund a mobile care unit for wildlife. Luckily although not fully finished our van and volunteer vets were ready to go to the fire regions in 3 days. This was a huge ask of all the Sydney wildlife volunteers to gather equipment and medical supplies from many different sources.

Once in the field sadly we saw the complete devastation of the fires and what our poor wildlife were going through. We treated the animals we could and others had to be euthanised due to their injuries.

We also brought back orphan wildlife as a lot of carers in the areas were full with animals of their own or enclosures had been burnt. These orphans have and will be returned to the areas they came from once carers have the facilities and there is food for the wildlife.

This was an extremely hard and exhausting time on all the volunteers.

We traveled to different areas giving the wildlife medical treatment and doing what we could but sometimes you just feel helpless especially when vets and darters were not allowed into areas until weeks later when mostly it is too late for the wildlife.

Like all disasters there was some good to come out of all the bad and that was the power of people caring, medical supplies donated, vets taking time out of their practices and volunteering in the field, overseas support, meeting a lot of like minded people from many organisations and building up a new network.

As I write this now I could cry thinking back to the devastation of the bush and the animals that depend on that bush land for food, housing and movement.

## **Terms of Reference (optional)**

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## **Supporting documents or images**

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### **Attach files**

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