



Your details

Submission details

I am making this submission as

A resident in a bushfire-affected area

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

Consent to make submission public

I would like this submission to remain anonymous

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

I became a volunteer for a local wildlife affected by the bushfires. I was disappointed at the lack of support and organisation by the NSW Government, NPWS, MPI in response to wildlife care and guardianship during and after the bushfire crisis. I volunteered at a local triage vet clinic in Cooma NSW which was set up by a New Zealand charity with a local wildlife organisation. NPWS, MPI and the NSW Government did not have any initial planning or funding for the care of affected wildlife in regards to search and rescue, emergency veterinary care or feeding, and this was left to volunteer organisations to fund and try to assist. NPWS did not allow animals within the national parks to be assisted by trained volunteers or allow feeding assistance. Without overseas disaster relief organisations trained in animal welfare, wildlife volunteers, search and rescue and volunteer veterinary care, local wildlife would have had little to no assistance at all from the government who are responsible for their guardianship.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#).

1.2 Preparation and planning

No preparation and planning for disaster/emergency wildlife support during and after the bushfire crisis. No Australian trained emergency response plan, funding or team in place for native Australian wildlife.

1.3 Response to bushfires

An disaster/emergency response plan, team and funding is required for the care of native Australian fauna.

Supporting documents or images
