



Veterinary Sector  
NSW

To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to formally advise the NSW Veterinary Sector that the Review and Report into the NSW Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector and associated Veterinary Sector (the Review) has commenced as announced on 15 May 2024 by the Hon. Penny Sharpe, Minister for Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. The Review will be led by the Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment, Ms Trish Doyle MP, and build on the work of the 2020 – 2023 NSW Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector Strategy - [NSW Volunteer Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector Strategy | NSW Environment and Heritage](#). It will provide a report for Minister Sharpe examining the challenges faced by the wildlife rehabilitation sector and associated veterinary sector to guide the next steps for future support. I look forward to working with you all to continue to strengthen the sector.

Throughout this review, our intention is to create connections within the sector to ensure capacity building and continuity along with identifying gaps to aid in design and implementation of novel strategies to continue sector support. We ask for your help and assistance to engage in this review, to maximise it's potential outcomes. We have asked that the Veterinary Practitioners Board help distribute our nominated correspondence and notifications to you to ensure we are opening the review to as many participants as possible. Please share this correspondence with your team as we hope to engage feedback from all levels of employees who work with rehabilitating wildlife including veterinarians, vet nurses, and vet technicians.

Inclusion of the veterinary sector in the consultation process reflects the critical support they provide to the rehab sector, which is integral to the success and continuity of NSW wildlife rehabilitation. The review will also be informed by the recent Parliamentary Inquiry into the vet sector - [Veterinary workforce shortage in New South Wales](#) and refer to relevant matter raised during this process. We will be providing a range of options to allow for consultation; surveys, round tables, site visits and a call for submissions. We encourage you to put forward any suggestions through this consultation process. This feedback helps us better understand the opinions and concerns of the sector, which informs our decisions. In due course we will send additional information on how to best engage your team to encourage interest in participating, along with key dates for the round tables and site visits.

The review will be open for submissions and survey responses and during this period you are invited to provide input by

- completing an online survey form via our website.
- emailing your written submission to [review.wildliferehab@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:review.wildliferehab@environment.nsw.gov.au)
- posting your written submission to:

National Parks and Wildlife Service  
Wildlife Rehab Sector Review  
Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta NSW 2124

To assist with the organisation of the Review, we would greatly appreciate if you could provide the name of the contact person we can liaise with regarding consultation dates, attendees, and site

visit logistics to our team at to [review.wildliferehab@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:review.wildliferehab@environment.nsw.gov.au). Site visits and round tables will commence in early September, so if this can be provided by **Monday 19 August** if at all possible it would be much appreciated.

Visit the webpage [Wildlife Rehabilitation Sector Strategy | NSW Environment and Heritage](#) for further information and updates. If you have any questions about the review, please don't hesitate to make contact at [review.wildliferehab@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:review.wildliferehab@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Kind regards



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