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**INQUIRY INTO VETERINARY WORKFORCE SHORTAGE
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Hello,

I am a wildlife rescuer and carer. I am personally effected by the Vet shortage and I believe parliament needs to support our current vets while subsidizing and encouraging vets in training. We desperately need wildlife vets. If all native wildlife is protected then why are vets not trained to treat all native fauna? Why aren't they paid for their time caring for the fauna owned by the crown?

I primarily rescue microbats and i struggle constantly to get them seen by a licensed and vaccinated vet. This should not be the case.

The wait times at emergency vets are far too long while sick and injured animals suffer.