



NORTHERN TABLELANDS WILDLIFE CARERS INC.

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To ;
The Committee Secretary .
Department of the Environment,
House of Representatives
Parliament of Australia.

Re ; Submission **regarding NTWC PUBLIC FUND**

Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers is a voluntary organisation caring for orphaned and injured native animals. NTWC members also assist with public education and safety when venomous and dangerous animals are involved. We undergo training, cover the cost of our equipment and the construction of facilities to the NPWS and NWC codes of practise.

NTWC is totally dependent upon subscriptions from its' 98 members fundraising and donations . This enables it to give some support to carers and meet obligations.

NTWC has a very small budget and uses the income to cover feed and veterinary costs. In the year ending June 2014 there was an annual Expenditure of \$11,007.77 and an Income of \$14,656.33, (\$2,500 of which was a grant).

The NTWC Public Fund is a vital back up to the organisation and keeps it viable. Those who donate are encouraged to do so with the Tax offset benefit.

With such a small budget, NTWC is not registered for GST so it pays tax on feed purchased and lots of other items including the rescue telephone bill.

The Public Fund provides valuable support to a group of wonderful volunteers who assist the public and Australian native animals.