

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Programme: Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT)
Topic: RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITY - LOGISTICS OF
EVACUATION
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Senator Rhiannon asked:

What special measures have been proposed in order to deal with elderly people and people with limited mobility if there is a bushfire on or around Middle Head? How would the Trust deal with logistics of evacuation of all occupants of such a facility in accordance with modern best practice to ensure no lives are lost?

Answer:

The proposal is currently being considered by the Department of the Environment and the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and the *Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Act 2001* respectively. All requirements under these Acts will be met. Any aged care provider is also required to meet a range of other statutory obligations, including in relation to safety.