Members of the community are invited to provide input in the development of the Wildlife Carer Guidelines.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said the guidelines will support the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wildlife for release into the wild.

“Over the past few years, Parks and Wildlife has encountered recurring issues relating to the care and rehabilitation of wild animals,” Mrs Price said.

“There needs to be a consistent approach to wildlife care to give the animals the best chance of surviving when released.

“The Wildlife Carer Guidelines will provide uniform standards across the Territory for the care and rehabilitation of our injured and orphaned native wildlife.

“The community has an opportunity to provide written feedback or by attending one of the five community meetings that will be held in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs during November and December.

“Through community consultation, we will implement clear, concise, practical and best-practice guidelines that will ensure our native animals are cared for using best practice activities.

“Following the meetings, the community will continue to be offered the opportunity to provide written comments until the end of January 2014.

“Comments will be collated and the final documents will be posted on the PWCNT website, where they can be easily accessed by the community.”

Draft guidelines can be downloaded at www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au, or by calling 8995 5008.

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