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I am a Master of Research student at Western Sydney University investigating volunteers and carers, motivations for, and issues associated with wombat conservation efforts.

The aim of my research project is to identify issues faced by volunteers and carers associated with the threats facing wombats and the motivations behind volunteer and carers continued dedication to wombat conservation efforts, through identifying issues and motivation, it is hoped that the information provided by volunteers and carers aid in supporting continuation of their work, engage individuals to participate, and create further awareness on the work that volunteers and carers provide in wombat conservation.

Since attending the National Mange Hub Symposium, I have had the privilege of speaking to many volunteers and carers across Australia. I also identified that there are complex issues surrounding sarcoptic mange and hope that through my research I can provide an insight into these complex issues.

To do this I have created a survey, in which I hope volunteers and carers across Australia will participate in to provide insight into the challenges they face daily. I will also be hosting online interviews via zoom to gather further insights from participants who opt into the interview process.

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