

Abstract:

**Structural Limitations on the Capacities of
Voluntary Speleological Organisations**

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The author examines how constitutional, administrative, financial and other 'structural' limitations faced by voluntary speleological organisations in Australia affect the abilities of such organisations to meet external and internal challenges. Particular attention is paid to the last decade of the Australian Speleological Federation's experiences and reform. The present 'structural' limitations of ASF and its member bodies are examined and the future of these bodies considered.