

# Queensland update – National flying-fox forum 2023

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# Legislation changes

- As of 1 July 2023, the three-year phase out for the repeal of shooting practices of flying-foxes for crop protection commenced.
- This is to assist affected growers with transitioning to non-lethal crop protection methods.
- During phase out period:
  - annual quota reductions of 80% (for little red and black flying-foxes) and 90% (for grey-headed flying-foxes)
  - only growers that have previously been permitted to shoot flying-foxes can apply for further permits.
- From 1 July 2026, a person will no longer have the ability to apply for a damage mitigation permit for crop protection purposes – signalling the end of shooting of flying-foxes in QLD.





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Fast facts –

- 4 year - \$2 million Flying-Fox Roost Management Grant Program is being delivered, ending in 2025
- A source of funding to help local governments deal with high conflict urban flying-fox roosts and to develop and implement comprehensive long-term roost management plans.
- Stream 1: Immediate/high-priority actions
- Stream 2: Development of roost management plans
- Stream 3: Implementation of roost management plans



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Fast facts –

- 5 of 6 rounds have been delivered – over \$1.4m worth of projects
- Round 6 has just closed.
- Good news – additional \$500,000 per year for the next three years

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What has been achieved so far –

- 24 separate local governments have been allocated funding
- 52 individual roost management projects
- over \$1.4m worth of projects

| Type of roost management project                                                                                                                     | Number of projects funded |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Preparation of roost management plans                                                                                                                | 20                        |
| Roost habitat rehabilitation or improvement works                                                                                                    | 10                        |
| Council-run resident grants assistance programs (e.g. vehicle covers, air-conditioners, first flush rainfall diverters, window double-glazing, etc.) | 6                         |
| Co-existence education programs                                                                                                                      | 5                         |
| Roost management research                                                                                                                            | 3                         |
| Miscellaneous e.g. tree trimming, flying-fox monitoring training, pathway cover, sprinkler systems, etc.)                                            | 8                         |

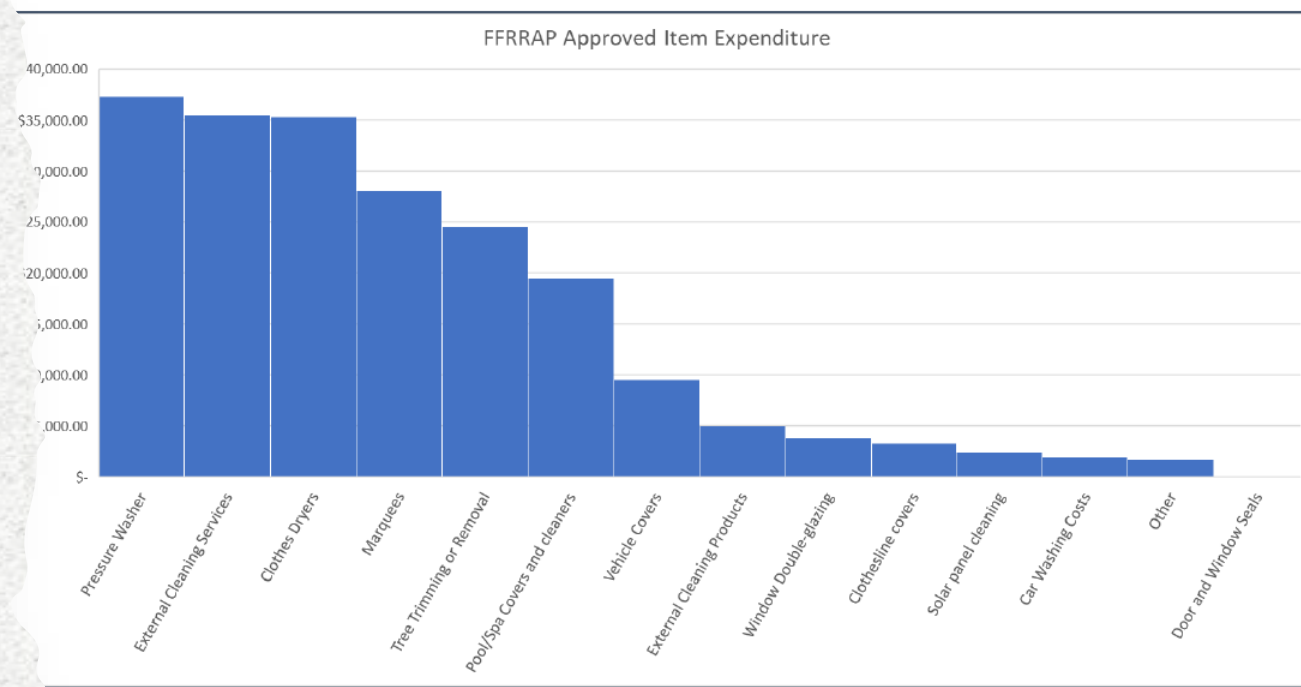
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What trends are we seeing –

- Micro grants are becoming popular

Townsville example

- approx. \$149,000 for 78 applications.

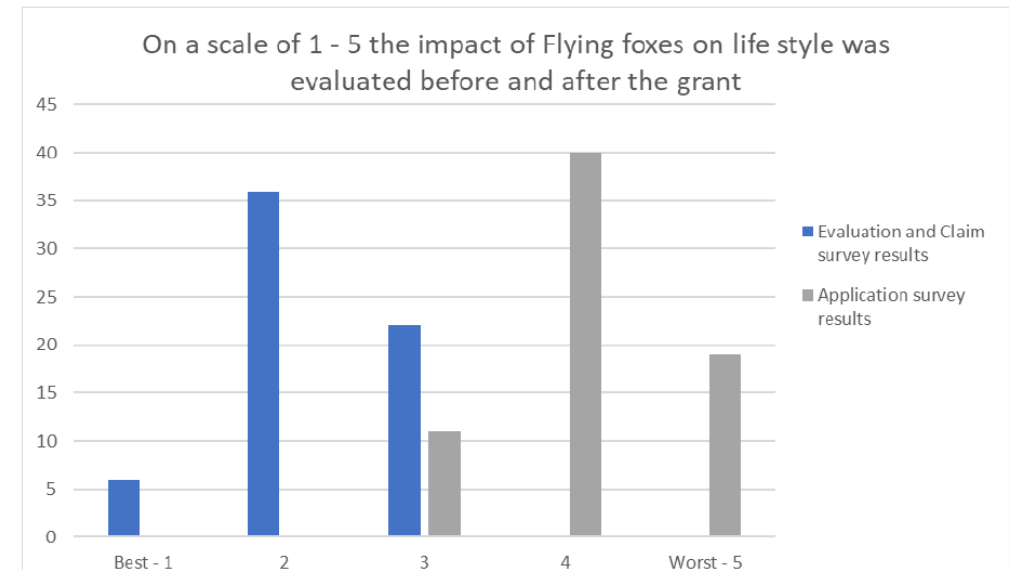


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## Townsville example

- Survey indicates program decreased the impact of flying-foxes on the resident's lifestyle overall.
- Council recently also undertaken some tree removal and canopy sprinkler works.





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Are micro grants the solution?

- They don't cover bigger infrastructure
- Need to determine which residence are truly impacted
- Providing equitable programs for councils with numerous roost would be costly/difficult
- Risk of negatively ending up on the front page
- Significant procurement work
- An overall good tool to have.



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### Emerging topics

- Desire to apply for dispersals
- Alternative site works
- Capacity issues – smaller council's

Thank  
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