

Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's role in the management of Flying-Foxes under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*

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Flying-Fox Roost Management in Urban areas.



- *Code of Practice – Ecologically sustainable management of flying-fox roosts* applies in designated urban areas.
- Sets management actions Local Governments may use 'as of right' (without EHP approval) to:
 - Destroy a Flying-Fox Roost;
 - Seek to drive away Flying-foxes from a Roost; or
 - Disturb a Flying-Fox Roost



Flying Fox Roost Management



- *Code of practice – Low impact activities affecting flying-fox roosts* – allows low impact activities such as weeding, mulching, mowing or tree trimming without a permit from EHP
- *Flying-fox management plans* allow Local Governments a 3-year approval to manage flying-fox roosts outside urban areas.

Flying Fox Roost Management



- Flying-Fox Roost Management Permits allow Roost management actions outside those set out in codes
- Allow Councils and other landholders to take action on their properties to manage the impact of flying-foxes.
- No culling allowed
- Animal welfare and conservation issues

Commercial Fruit Crops



- DMPs to Protect Commercial Fruit crops
- Preference is for non-harmful control measures (e.g. Netting; Noise; Light; Smoke)
- Lethal take DMPs where other methods tried and failed.
- Policy under Review

Lethal take DMPs for Flying-Foxes

Year	No. of DMPs Approved	Quota	Quota unallocated	% of allocation shot
2015/16	16	8780	6105	12
2014/15	14	10580	8220	14
2013/14	16	10580	7660	23
2012/13	10	10580	8635	16

Looking to the Future



- Qld Government to reviewing flying fox management framework introduced by the previous LNP government:
 - Urban Roost Management
 - DMPs for Commercial Fruit Crops
- To be best practice and be scientifically sound.

Research



- \$2.7 million, three-year scientific research project into little-red flying-fox populations and behaviour
- In collaboration with the CSIRO and local governments
- Satellite tracking of flying-foxes from next Wet Season
- Information gained will guide future flying-fox roost management decision-making