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Management of Flying-Fox Roosts

Head of Power

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Section 41A Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006

Key Supporting Council Document

Lockyer Valley Community Plan 2012 – 2022: Adopt a balanced values led approach to the development and preservation of our natural assets.

Definitions

Flying-fox roost is a tree or other place where flying-foxes congregate from time to time for breeding or rearing their young.

Policy Objective

The objective of this policy is to outline the management actions that Council may undertake to reduce the impact of flying-fox roosts in the Lockyer Valley.

Policy Statement

This policy sets out the management actions Council may undertake in accordance with the 'Code of Practice - Ecologically sustainable management of flying-fox roosts *Nature Conservation Act 1992*'.

The purpose of the Code of Practice 'is to ensure that the chance of management actions under this code resulting in harm to flying-foxes is minimised and that appropriate welfare standards are upheld'.

According to the Code of Practice a local government may:

- destroy a flying-fox roost
- drive away, or attempt to drive away, a flying-fox from a flying fox roost
- disturb a flying-fox in flying-fox roost.

The actions that Council may undertake with regard to flying-fox roosts will be based on the following principles:

- the ongoing welfare of the community
- the ethical recognition of the welfare of native wildlife
- the prioritisation of management actions where the need is greatest

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- the lowest cost, lowest risk options are employed first recognising the concept of marginal utility; and
- the containment of the impacts of disease, smell and noise from flying-fox roosts.

Related Documents

Code of Practice Ecologically sustainable management of flying-fox roosts *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

Statement of Management Intent Management Action Matrix