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Statement of Management Intent

For Flying-Fox Roost Management In Redland City Council

This Statement of Management Intent was endorsed by Council in 25 February 2015 and has effect from 25 February 2015 until superseded.

1. Authority

Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the State Government introduced a new approach to flying-fox roost management to allow local governments to make their own decisions about how to best manage individual flying-fox roosts on Council controlled lands in designated Urban Flying-Fox Areas. The legislation authorises local government to act on these decisions without the need for a permit under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

Outside an UFFMA, local governments require a flying-fox roost management permit (FFRMP) from Environment and Heritage Protection to undertake flying-fox management activities. A non-council applicant requires a FFRMP irrespective of the location of the roost.

If a roost is on **private land**(s), low impact activities may be undertaken by the landholder(s) as described under the 'Code of practice – Low impact activities affecting flying-fox roosts'. Council does not become involved in approvals for these activities.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Statement of Management Intent (SoMI) is to articulate the approach that Redland City Council will take in the management of flying-fox roosts in designated Urban Flying-Fox Management Areas in Redland City Council.

3. Location of the UFFMA in Redland City Council

An UFFMA map for Redlands (Attachment 1) and has been drawn from www.ehp.qld.gov.au of the EHP. This map may be updated from time to time by State Government.

4. Council intentions and considerations

Where Council **owned** or managed land is used as a roost site by flying-foxes, Council will:

- Not disperse flying-foxes or destroy flying-fox roost sites
- Continue to reinforce education to the community
- Continue to revegetate previously used roosts in areas of less conflict
- Identify sites for enhancement as potential future roost sites
- Continue to monitor and map our roost sites in partnership with Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and volunteers
- Continue to liaise closely with other local Councils, researchers and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection officers
- Advocate on behalf of the community to State Government agencies to assist with flying-fox management
- Ensure that Council management for flying-foxes is undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice – Ecologically sustainable management of flying-fox roost'; Procedure 3070-001-002 Working around Flying-foxes and Roost Sites and any other legislative requirements.

5. Related Documents and Policy

- Animal Care and Protection Act 2001
- Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999
- Nature Conservation Act 1992

Queensland Government

- Code of Practice Ecologically sustainable management of flying-fox roosts.
- Code of Practice Low impact activities affecting flying-fox roosts.
- Flying-fox Roost Management Guideline

Redland City Council

- Redland City Council Procedure POL 3070-001-002 'Working around flyingfoxes and roost sites'
- Redlands Flying-fox Education and Communication Plan

Australian Government

National Recovery Plan for the Grey-headed Flying-fox

6. Further information

Contact Council on 3829 8999 to discuss this SoMI for flying-fox Management in Redland City Council.

Contact EHP website further information on the State Government flying-fox framework and permits required for flying-fox roost management permit (FFRMP) outside an UFFMA.

