

Statement of Management Intent
for
Flying-fox roost management
in
[INSERT NAME OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT]

This Statement of Management Intent was endorsed on [date] and has effect from [insert date of commencement] until superseded.

[Local government logo or other signifier may be inserted here]

[INSERT NAME OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT]

1. Authority

Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, local governments in Queensland have an as-of-right authority to undertake roost management at flying-fox roosts in designated Urban Flying-Fox Management Areas (UFFMAs) provided they comply with the Code of Practice – Ecologically sustainable management of flying-fox roosts (Code of Practice). An UFFMA for a local government area is defined by maps, available on the Queensland Government website: <https://www.qld.gov.au/> - search: urban management area maps.

Outside an UFFMA, a local government requires a flying-fox roost management permit (FFRMP), available from the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation (the department). A local government also has the option to apply for a FFRMP should it wish to use roost management techniques that are not covered by the Code of Practice. A landholder requires a FFRMP irrespective of whether the roost is within the UFFMA or not.

Further information on the Queensland Government's roost management framework is available on the Queensland Government website: <https://www.qld.gov.au/> - search: authorised flying-fox roost management. The Statement of Management Intent (SoMI) will articulate the approach the local government intends to take with respect to roost management across the UFFMA, any rationale the local government considers appropriate to declare and any specific plans local government has in relation to roost management.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this SoMI is to articulate the approach that [insert name of local government] will take to the management of flying-fox roosts in [name of local government area].

3. Location of the UFFMA in [insert local government name]

The local government may consider including maps of the UFFMAs for the local government area. Local government area UFFMA maps are available at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/> - search: urban management area maps.

The local government may also consider directing residents who wish to view a map of their own property in relation to the UFFMA to: <https://www.qld.gov.au/> - search: urban management area maps.

4. Local government intentions and considerations

The SoMI may include a broad, general statement of management intent for all flying-fox roosts within the UFFMA. The SoMI may also include specific statements of management intent for specified flying-fox roosts within the UFFMA. In addition, local governments may wish to include a general statement for the areas outside the UFFMA.

The SoMI may include details of factors that local government would consider before deciding whether to take any action at particular sites such as:

- the well-being, impacts and concerns that nearby residents are experiencing
- whether local government considers that there are any risks to human health or well-being from the roost
- whether the roost is on local government land or private land, and if on private land, whether the local government will agree to provide management assistance with consent from relevant landholders.

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The SoMI may include details of additional factors that local government would consider in deciding the most appropriate action to take at particular roost sites such as:

- the cost of various management actions and who would contribute to these costs
 - **note:** Potential management actions can range from minimal intervention, through to moderate vegetation modification, through to complete clearing of roost vegetation and driving flying-foxes away - costs increase significantly with increased management interventions
- the number of each species of flying-foxes at the roost and what the local government's intention would be should the flying-foxes be breeding or rearing their young
- whether acceptable outcomes can be achieved with minimal management interventions such as community education or moderate management interventions such as 'nudging' or 'buffering' processes by which the impact of an existing roost may be reduced.

The SoMI may include details of additional factors that local government might consider for the potential driving away of flying-foxes at a particular roost, such as:

- the number of years that flying-foxes have used a particular roost site
 - **Note:** Flying-foxes are known to have strong affinities with roost sites and driving flying-foxes away from an established roost may, in some circumstances, prove challenging and resource intensive
- the likelihood of flying-foxes relocating to a site of greater conflict within the community
- whether flying-foxes at the site are capable of independent flight at the time of year proposed for driving them away
- whether a proposed management action may cause harm to flying-foxes.

The SoMI may advise residents, that if a roost is on private land(s), low impact activities may be undertaken by the landholder(s) under the Code of practice – Low impact activities affecting flying-fox roosts, located on the Queensland Government website: <https://www.qld.gov.au/> - search: authorised flying-fox roost management.

The SoMI may include advice to residents that, should they be dissatisfied with their local government's approach at a particular roost site, they may apply for a FFRMP directly from the department to conduct roost management activities on their own properties The permit application form is available at the following webpage: <https://www.qld.gov.au/> - search: authorised flying-fox roost management.

The SoMI may advise residents that anyone, local government or resident, wishing to undertake roost management actions must do so in compliance with the Code of Practice—Ecologically sustainable management of flying-fox roosts, which is available at the following webpage: <https://www.qld.gov.au/> - search: authorised flying-fox roost management. .

The SoMI may include any further information the local government considers relevant to residents.

5. Further information

The SoMI may provide contact details within local government, should residents wish to discuss roost management activities with the local government. The SoMI may also refer residents to local offices of the department or to the department's website should residents require further information.

6. Enquiries

Department of Environment, Science and Innovation

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