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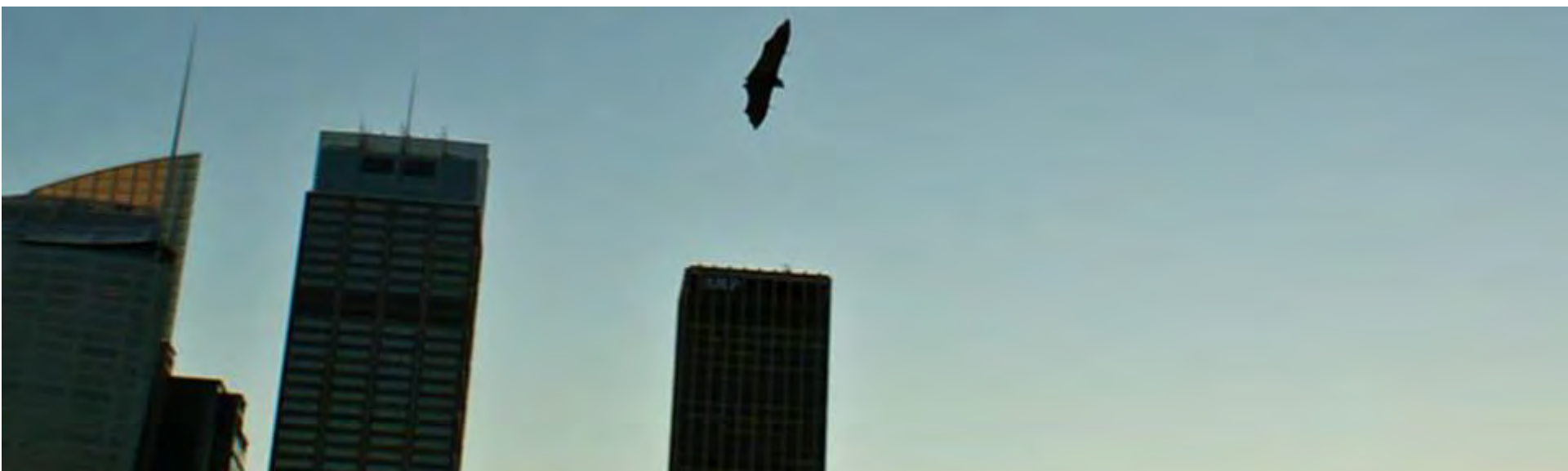
Strategic Vision Implementation

EIANZ National Flying-fox Forum

October 25th 2017

The issue

- Ecologically critical native species
- Highly mobile, each species considered single national population
- Large influxes
- Urbanising trend
- High levels of community conflict, increased by media
- Deregulation / devolution of power
- Increased pressure on councils to manage
- Increase in camp management and dispersals (up 6,250% in Qld first year of the new framework) – fragmented, reactive, costly and often ineffective



National Flying-fox Forum 2016



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National Flying-fox Strategic Vision



Species and habitat conservation

- Principle 1: Protection is afforded to all species with increased emphasis on our threatened species to allow population recovery
- Principle 2: Threatening processes to flying-foxes are identified and their impacts are understood in order to prevent further population decline
- Principle 3: Foraging, roosting and breeding habitat is protected and enhanced through designation and restoration to enable population recovery and maintenance

Camp management

- Principle 4: Advocate for appropriate management actions that are humane, legal and minimise risk of harm to flying-foxes and their habitat
- Principle 5: Ensure consistent spatial and temporal monitoring around camp management actions
- Principle 6: Encourage a strategic approach to resolving human/flying-fox conflict where mediation and education are the primary focus
- Principle 7: Camp management is to be risk-based with actions backed up with scientific evidence

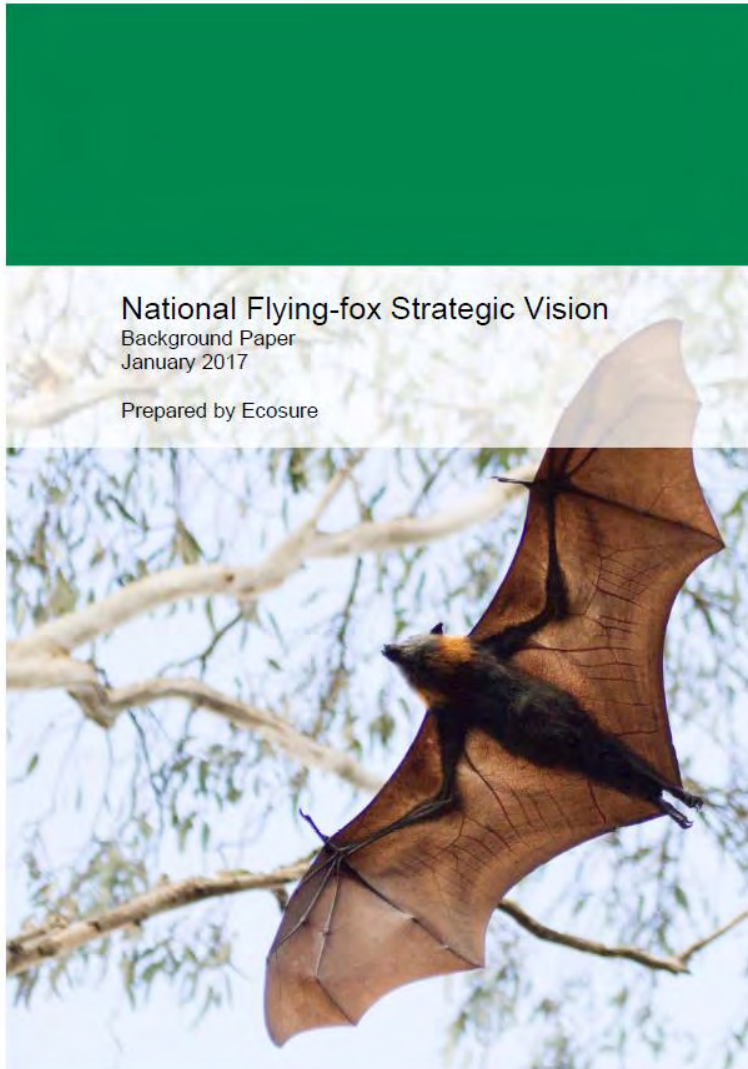
Policy and research

- Principle 8: Advocate for the appropriate level of protection for flying-foxes and their habitat
- Principle 9: Land use planning policy is used effectively to prevent future human/flying-fox conflict
- Principle 10: Continue research to better understand flying-fox movements and population dynamics in order to find more innovative ways to address conflict

Responsibilities and stewardship

- Principle 11: Build relationships with community, industry and government stakeholders
- Principle 12: Encourage a coordinated and consultative approach to conservation and management at a national level
- Principle 13: Improve public perception and profile of flying-foxes

Implementation Plan



- Sought official endorsement of the NFFSV
- National flying-fox management coordination group to:
 - Promote adoption of the NFFSV
 - Create a platform for sharing management and research outcomes across the states and regions
 - Develop a detailed national strategy

Implementation Plan

- A single plan for a single national population
- Devolving responsibility does not help
- Local governments asking for a state and national approach
- How to make a National Strategy – the Asthma Council way
- Coordinate effort, unity of purpose and a convincing plan of attack



Implementation



National Flying-fox Forum
 Ecocentre
 Griffith University Nathan Campus
 7th September 2016
 For land managers, decision-makers, researchers and conservationists to share experiences and workshop the future.

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 To keep up to date with latest information visit www.eianz.org.au/events/category/australia-new-zealand

GHFF draft recovery plan submission

Motion for the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly

Sep 2016

Nov 2016

Apr 2017

May 2017

Jun 2017

Oct 2017



Jessica Bracks
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Day 1- 25th October 2017
 National Flying-fox Forum hosted by EIANZ and Ecology Special Interests Section
 For government agencies, land managers, community and conservation groups, primary producers, educators and researchers to share experiences and workshop the future.
 Please enquire about flexible sponsorship options.
 Contact: ecology@eianz.org

Day 2 - 26th October 2017
 NSW Local Government Flying-fox Forum hosted by LGNSW and OEH
 For NSW local government to explore options for management of flying-fox camps and human/flying-fox conflict in NSW.
 Contact: flgp@lgnsw.org.au

Venue: Club York, Level 1, 95-99 York Street, Sydney, NSW 2000
 Further information will be available soon via the EIANZ and LGNSW websites.

Progress since the 2016 Forum

LGAQ: NO AD HOC APPROACHES TO FLYING FOXES

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The LGAQ has called on the federal and state governments to step up their efforts in managing flying foxes in the wake of a parliamentary inquiry into the issue.

LGAQ spokesperson Craig Johnstone told ABC radio in response to the recent parliamentary inquiry 'Living with Fruit Bats', that the state and federal government need to step up to the task.

"What the LGAQ believes is needed is far more centralised decision making... essentially a decision by federal and state government to take over the management of flying foxes," he said.

"Only then can you have a population-wide approach to the management of flying foxes, rather than the ad hoc approaches which councils are forced to do now."



- NSW research
- NSW flying-fox grants
- Qld research
- Qld review of COP
- Hunter Councils regional approach

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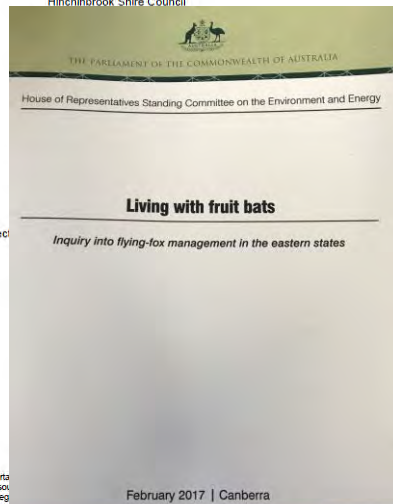
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Your resolution was adopted by the NGA as Resolution Number 78, with final wording below:
That the National General Assembly lobby the Commonwealth Government to develop and implement a National Flying-Fox Management Framework to coordinate and harmonise flying-fox management across jurisdictions.

We gratefully acknowledge contributions made by attendees of the National Flying-fox Forum 2016 held at the Griffith University EcoCentre, Brisbane, including representatives from:

- Adair Ecological Solutions
- Australasian Bat Society
- Australian Bat Clinic
- Balance Environmental
- Bat Conservation & Rescue Qld Inc
- Bat Rescue
- Bats Qld
- Brisbane Airport Corporation
- Brisbane City Council
- Caime Regional Council
- Cardno
- City of Gold Coast
- CSIRO
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection
- Department of the Environment and Energy
- Department of Transport and Main Roads
- Eco Logical Australia
- Ecology and Heritage Partners
- Ecosure
- EIANZ SEQ
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- Eurobodalla Shire Council
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Hinchinbrook Shire Council



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FLYING FOXES: A resolution on the management of the animals was voted on at the LGAQ:

Paul Donaldson BUN050917SWAMP8

by [Blake Antrobus](#)

A NEW approach for handling flying fox populations could become a reality.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council was one of 127 that voted for a resolution this week.

Councillor Denis Chapman said it would mean councils could plan their

Draft Recovery Plan for the Grey-headed Flying-fox *Pteropus poliocephalus*



January 2017



Inquiry report recommendations

1. Propose a national / eastern states flying-fox consultative committee / working group to the Council of Australian Governments.
2. Establish a funding pool for research and conservation, to enable:
 - continued NFFMP funding for 10 years+
 - committed funding for priority actions in the SFF and GHFF recovery plans
 - targeted national research into flying-fox roosting behaviours and habitat loss impacts
 - any other research that allows for the timely evaluation of flying-foxes under the EPBC Act, informed by rigorous data, at the earliest opportunity.
3. Develop, in consultation with relevant state and local governments, a tool that assists councils to make decisions on action, referral and education.
4. In consultation with other relevant organisations, develop (and promote) education resources for communities regarding flying-fox ecology, behaviour, environmental significance, health impacts, and management options.

Where to from here?

Progressing a National Strategy and Working Group

Please visit the poster presentation over lunch to help brainstorm!

National Flying-fox Strategy

VISION 2016

2017

2018

National

State

Local and Regional

Core themes

Progress

Bottom-up approach?

Strategy Actions

Species & habitat conservation

Camp management

Policy research

Responsibilities & stewardship

Updates & findings

Management & research

Research gap analysis

Heat stress events

How does the Strategy accomplish the 13 principles? Further advocacy?

Who can assist us in resourcing the Strategy?

How do we share and access the latest research?

Would you like to be involved in the Heat Stress Event draft guideline?

Implementation plan

Working group established

Annual forums, Quarter assemblies, Interest hub

Yes!

75 delegates consulted at 2016 forum

Motion raised for National Strategy Local Government Association Queensland

Parliamentary enquiry, two submissions and round-table attendance November 2016

Meeting with Threatened Species Commissioner

Strategy included as part of Submission for Draft Recovery Plan for the GHFF

Thank you



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