

## Submission: Inquiry into Flying-Fox Management in the Eastern States

Please save our flying foxes from harm and extinction.

Their habitat is being poorly managed by councils, state and federal govt alike. There is a saying going around that without bees the world dies, well in our terms – without flying-fox Australian Flora and Fauna die. Yes, our fauna too. So many of our beautiful and unique wildlife rely on the native plants that flying-fox pollinate. Not pollination, no seed, no new plants. It's as simple as that!

As wild habitat is destroyed for various reasons, the animals are seeking food sources from more established residential areas with native gardens and remnant bush. If we wish to keep them from residential area, then the only solution is to stop large scale full clearing of bush. We can have it all, nature and growth. It just takes better planning, understanding and compromise at all govt levels. Flying-foxes are not demons, not rats of the skies. They are essential and iconic to Australia as the Koala, Gliders, Glossy Cockatoos, Swift Parrot, Night Parrot and the many more endangered species we have in Australia.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

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