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House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy
Inquiry into Flying-fox management in the eastern states

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PARLIAMENTARY ROUNDTABLE ON FLYING-FOX MANAGEMENT

Thursday, 24 November 2016

The House Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy will hold a roundtable public hearing tomorrow into the protection and management of nationally protected flying-foxes in the eastern states of Australia.

The Committee is conducting a short inquiry into this topic and has been receiving wide-ranging and passionate perspectives on the impact that flying-foxes have on the environment and community, as well as their critical role within the ecosystem.

Committee Chair, Mr Andrew Broad MP, said “the Committee has been receiving many representations from across the community regarding the impact of flying-foxes on individuals, businesses and the environment. The Committee recognises the issues being faced in many areas in the eastern states of Australia. The Committee also understands the requirement to manage these animals effectively while recognising their vital ecological role. Members of the Committee are keen to hear from government bodies and experts in the field, with a view to finding a better way to balance these priorities for the benefit of the community and the environment.”

The Committee will hear from the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy, the Threatened Species Commissioner, the CSIRO and flying-fox ecologists. The Committee will also hear from Eurobodalla Shire Council, the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney and Ecosure Pty Ltd about management activities and their experiences of relevant regulatory requirements.

Public Roundtable Hearing details:

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Date: Thursday, 24 November 2016

Location: Main Committee Room, Parliament House, Canberra

The hearing will be webcast at aph.gov.au/live

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