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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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FLYING-FOX PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT TO BE EXAMINED

Thursday, 10 November 2016

Today the Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy launches a short inquiry into the protection and management of nationally protected flying-foxes in the eastern states of Australia.



Pteropus poliocephalus — Grey-headed Flying-fox in full flight (Source – animalspot.net). This vulnerable species, along with other flying-foxes, has wide-spread impact on the environments and communities it calls home.

The Environment and Energy Minister, the Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP, has received representations from people affected by the impact of flying-foxes, as well as working to educate the public about these important animals and protect and conserve their part in the natural ecosystem. Accordingly, the Minister has referred the issue to the Committee for its investigation.

Committee Chair, Mr Andrew Broad MP, and all members of the Committee share the concern that flying-foxes should be managed in the most appropriate and sustainable way possible, while catering to their preservation and the livelihood of those in the communities affected.



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“Ensuring that there is a balance between the need to protect these important animals, with the ongoing effective management of their impact on the environment and the communities that share their habitat, is a focus for the Committee” Mr Broad said.

The Committee will meet with key experts, government bodies, and non-government organisations. The Committee is interested in hearing about the conservation and management of flying-foxes, and how their impact can be best managed, by drawing on recent examples of dispersal or other management techniques.

The inquiry will conduct one roundtable hearing on 24 November 2016, which will focus on the following issues:

- the circumstances and process by which flying-foxes are listed and delisted as threatened species at both the state and Commonwealth levels;
- the interaction between the state and Commonwealth regulatory frameworks;
- strategic approaches to managing species at a regional scale;
- opportunities to streamline the regulation of flying-fox management; and
- the success or otherwise of management actions.

The Committee will accept written submissions, addressing one or more of the terms of reference, until **Friday, 18 November 2016**.

Information about how to make a submission can be obtained from the Committee’s website: <http://www.aph.gov.au/makesubmission>. Further information on the inquiry, including the full [terms of reference](#), is available on the [Committee website](#). The Committee is expected to report in early 2017.

Public Roundtable Hearing details:

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Date: Thursday, 24 November 2016

Location: Main Committee Room, Parliament House, Canberra

[Live Webcast \(Audio only\)](#)

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