

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of certain, concerned citizens of Australia

Draws to the attention of the House the damage being caused to the heritage and other trees in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney by the Grey Headed Flying Fox camp over the past 10 years. This is no longer sustainable so a relocation program is proposed which requires the assent of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

We therefore ask the House to request the Minister to approve the relocation of the Flying Foxes in May 2010 as proposed by the Botanic Gardens Trust and already approved by the NSW DECCW. If this is not done, another 40 significant old trees, as well as many palms and shrubs, are expected to die within the next 3 years and ultimately much of the Gardens will be destroyed. The bats will then move on anyway.