Flying-fox Camp Management in NSW

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Overview

- NSW context
- Legislation, policy, licensing
- Supporting resources and initiatives
- Regional approaches
NSW Statistics

- > 270 camps in NSW
- ~ 115 with flying-foxes in last two years
- ~ 30 nationally important
- ~ 20 with camp management plans
- 2 regional strategies
National Context
Flying-fox Camp Management Policy 2015

- Regulatory framework
- Minimises health and amenity impacts while avoiding unnecessary harm
- Empowers land managers to work with their communities
- Strongly encourages development of camp management plans
- Hierarchy of implementation
  - Level 1, 2 and 3 actions

Flying-fox Camp Management Policy 2015

- Level 1
  - Routine camp management actions
- Level 2
  - Creation of buffers
- Level 3
  - Camp disturbance or dispersal
Supporting Resources

- Camp Management Plan Template
- Fact sheets and monitoring data sheets
- Flying-fox engage
- Land managers’ network
- Guides to restoration of foraging and roosting habitat (in prep.)

Addresses complexity, provides more certainty
- 80-page word document, fully editable
- Fine detail on management options, approach and assessment and mitigation of impacts
Camp Management Plan Template

- Prompts for content
- Species profiles
- Breeding cycle information
- Lists and descriptions of management actions
- Comparison of management options
- Decision-making flow chart
- Guide to managing impacts
- Example maps

Flying-fox Engage

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Flying-fox Land Managers’ Network

- $1 million available to councils
- Emergency camp management (up to $50k)
- Developing plans (up to $15k)
- Implementing plans (up to $50k)
- Matching funds or in-kind contribution
**Flying-foxes Netting Program**

- $7.1 million for exclusion netting of commercial orchards since 2011
- Fixed canopy and throwover netting
- Total area netted is > 700 hectares

**National Flying-fox Monitoring Program**
- To maximise the number of threatened species that can be secured in the wild in NSW for 100 years
- Targeted conservation projects that set out the actions required to save specific plants and animals on mapped management sites
- GHFF: Habitat restoration a priority