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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2025 regarding Parliamentary Petition Nos. 4288-25 and 4251-25 concerning the impacts of little red flying-fox incursions on residential areas.

I appreciate the concerns raised by the petitioners and understand the impacts flying foxes can have on the community.

Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, local governments have an as-of right authority to manage flying-fox roosts in Urban Flying-Fox Management Areas (UFFMA) within their area. They are also able to undertake management actions on behalf of private landholders, with the landholder's consent.

Outside of UFFMAs, a landholder can undertake roost management activities on their property, provided they receive a free Flying-Fox Roost Management Permit from the department.

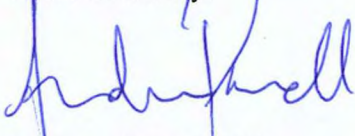
The last time I was the Minister for the Environment, I introduced a framework for councils to manage flying fox roosts in an expeditious and appropriate manner. Today, any council, landholder, or impacted community will tell you the same thing: under the previous government, the current system was allowed to drift from the original intent of that framework.

That is why Crisafulli Government is continuing to consult with growers, landholders, councils, and communities in impacted areas, to ensure the right settings are in place.

In the meantime, the Crisafulli Government is providing practical financial support to local governments through our Flying-Fox Roost Management Local Government Grant Program. In the next two years, over \$1.5 million will be granted to local governments to support management of high-conflict roosts and ensure communities are seeing the action they expect.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this matter with me and look forward to further engagement with communities across Queensland. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Powell MP
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