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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Submission on Flying-fox Camp Management Policy 2014: Consultation draft**

I have reviewed the document and have the following comments:

- In the executive summary, obtaining “upfront five year licensing” is a bit misleading i.e. page 12 OEHL assesses licences once a camp management plan is prepared in accordance with the template.
- On page 6 “proactive management of camps is recommended”. Councils are likely to be pressured into preparing camp management plans and applying for a licence in any circumstances.
- Level 1 & 2 actions need to consider other native fauna and their habitat requirements. In addition there is no recommendation for planting low native vegetation buffers between camps and community areas which would reduce unnecessary removal of native vegetation.
- Level 3 actions. I understand that that dispersal actions are expensive, noisy, highly resource intensive and in 70% of cases Flying-foxes will relocate to within about 1 kilometre of the original site or unsuitable locations and should be a last resort action.
- It doesn't adequately address community perception that issuing a licence will mean that some dispersal action should take place. A community engagement and education strategy should be initiated before the preparation of the camp management plan.
- On page 11, the longer term strategies should be in place before adoption of this policy in terms of managing Flying-fox issues.
- In addition there are short timeframes for OEHL to complete assessments.
- On page 12 there is no definition of “an immediate and significant issue” i.e. to apply for a licence under section 91 of the TSC Act 1995 to disperse a flying fox camp **before** a camp management plan is prepared. Again Councils are likely to be pressured into applying for a licence in any circumstances.
- On page 15 I'd suggest to put something in regarding Flying-fox faeces and urine which has also been raised as a concern for the community.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacqui Vollmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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