



Licence to Harm Flying-Foxes

Application for a biodiversity conservation licence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to harm flying-foxes for commercial crop damage mitigation

Full Name:
(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)

Company name (if applicable):

Date of birth:

Postal address:

Suburb/Town:

Postcode:

State:

Phone (w):

Phone (h):

Fax:

Phone (mob):

Email:

Firearms licence no.:

Expiry date:

Category:

Additional shooters will need to complete the information provided on page 3 of this application form

Name and address of the property for which the licence is sought if different from above

Area of property (ha):

Nearest Police station:

Location description (for large rural properties e.g. 2 km down 'X' Rd, from junction of 'Y' Rd)

Local Government Area:

Have you held a licence to harm flying-foxes between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2014?

Yes No

If Yes, to be eligible under this criterion you must provide the licence number, expiry date and the National Parks and Wildlife Service office which issued the licence for at least one licence held in the period 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2014:

If you answered No to the previous question, please proceed to SECTION A.

If you answered Yes to the previous question, you may be eligible for a licence to harm flying-foxes. Please proceed to SECTION B.

Section A

Special Circumstances

To be eligible to apply for a licence to harm flying-foxes in NSW, applicants must demonstrate that the orchard for which a licence is required was established before 1 July 2011, and that they meet at least one of the following special circumstances:

1. **Was the orchard for which a licence is required established before 1 July 2011?**

Yes No

If No, a licence cannot be granted.

If Yes, provide evidence of commercial activity prior to 1 July 2011 such as quarterly Business Activity Statement (BAS) official tax documents for the orchard in question.

Type(s) of document attached:

If you answered Yes to the previous question, indicate which of the following special circumstances are met by your orchard:

2. **Is your orchard subject to an unprecedented incursion of flying-foxes?** Yes No

The applicant must demonstrate that a crop not previously impacted by flying foxes (Table 1 in the [Special circumstances for issuing licences to shoot flying-foxes](#)) has sustained damage from flying-foxes. Photographic evidence should be provided before a site inspection is undertaken to confirm damage.

Type of crop impacted:

Number of photos attached:

Or

3. **Are there topographical or physical constraints preventing netting?** Yes No

Signed statements from two netting contractors and photographic evidence are required to support an application under this circumstance. See <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/wildlifelicences/150429-flying-fox-netting.pdf> for netting contractor statement template.

Number of statements attached:

Or

4. **Has the local council declined a development application to install exclusion netting?**

Yes No

Provide a copy of the development application or link to a publicly available copy of the application and the notice from council declining the application.

Documents attached:

Or

5. **Is the flying-fox impact unanticipated and not regular?** Yes No

Provide details of any applications to harm flying-foxes for this property in the last 10 years. If you have applied at least three times in the last 10 years, regardless of whether those applications were approved, the incursion of flying-foxes to this property cannot be considered 'unanticipated and not regular'.

Provide details of licence applications in the 10 years preceding this application.

Section B

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions you may be eligible for a licence to harm flying-foxes in NSW.

Identify type of crop being damaged:

Total area of crop (ha):

Estimated area of damage (ha):

Approximate percentage area of property affected:

Have you applied for the NSW Government netting assistance subsidy? Yes No

What percentage of crop has exclusion netting installed?

Please provide details of other crop protection measures being used (e.g. noise, lights) and effectiveness (attach additional sheets as necessary):

Species of flying-fox for which licence is sought: Grey-headed Black Little Red

Declaration by landholder

I (*name*) being the applicant for this biodiversity conservation licence under Part 2 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to harm protected animals in New South Wales, acknowledge that it is an offence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to provide false or misleading information in, or in connection with this application and I state that the information I have provided is true and correct. By signing this application, I also acknowledge that I will be required to comply with the conditions of my licence and any other statutory obligations associated with the proposed control action including the use of firearms on the property (if relevant).

Signature of applicant.....**Date**.....

The completed application should be delivered to your [local National Parks and Wildlife Service office](#).

There is no fee for this licence.

Additional shooters

You can nominate up to five additional people to assist with shooting on your property. However, only two shooters are permitted to operate on the property on any given night. If you propose to allow other shooters to assist you in shooting flying-foxes on your property, they must **each** provide the following details and sign the declaration statement below.

Only those people who have filled in the required information and signed below will be listed on your licence.

You must apply to your local National Parks and Wildlife Service office in writing for any variation to the list of shooters identified below prior to their commencement of work. A shooter variation form is provided on the OEH website.

Note: Any persons authorised under the licence to do the things authorised by the licence are taken to be licence holders for the purpose of the Act and are bound by the licence conditions in the same way as the licensee.

Full Name	Address	Firearms Licence Number	Expiry Date	Firearms Category
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

No shooting is to proceed until the applicant has received their licence

Declaration by Shooters (*if persons other than the applicant*)

I, the nominated person who will shoot animals on behalf of the landholder on the aforementioned property acknowledge that it is an offence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to provide false or misleading information in, or in connection with this application and I state that the information I have provided is true and correct. By signing this application, I also acknowledge that I will be required to comply with the conditions of the aforementioned licence and any other statutory obligations associated with the use of firearms on the property.

Name and signature of nominated shooter (1)

Date

Phone Number

Name and signature of nominated shooter (2)

Date

Phone Number

Name and signature of nominated shooter (3)

Date

Phone Number

Name and signature of nominated shooter (4)

Date

Phone Number

Name and signature of nominated shooter (5)

Date

Phone Number

Privacy statement

The personal information that is provided in this licence application form is for the purpose of assessing your application and is required by law.

Your personal information will not be used for any other purpose, and subject to the following, will not be disclosed, without your consent. Information provided in the application may be disclosed to NSW Police for the verification of firearm licence details. You have the right to access and correct any of the personal information once we have collected it at any time. The information will be stored securely in our records management system.

Public register

As required by the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, a public register of wildlife licences will be published on the OEH website. The public register will not include personal information of individuals (e.g. name, postal and email address, phone number and date of birth). Information about the location of plants and animals covered by licences will be restricted to post code.

Please note live flying-foxes should not be handled. Wear protective gloves when handling dead flying-foxes. Further information is provided on the [OEH website](#) and Department of Primary Industries Standard Operating Procedures for the shooting of flying-foxes.

Office use only

New applicant: Yes No
Site inspection undertaken: Yes No If No (date proposed).....

Species and number of flying-foxes permitted to be harmed:

Species (Common Name)	Number
1.	
2.	
3.	

Compliance assessment undertaken: Yes No

E.g. Did the applicant comply with the conditions of their previous licence or has this new applicant provided all the necessary details.

Application approved Application rejected

Justification.....
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General Licence posted to property owner: Yes No

SoP posted to property owner: Yes No

Approved by (*delegated officer*): (Signature) (Date)

..... (Print name) (Position)

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