Code of Practice

Low impact activities affecting flying-fox roosts

_Nature Conservation Act 1992_
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1. Purpose and operation of this code

1.1 The purpose of this Code of Practice—Low impact activities affecting flying-fox roosts (‘the Code’) is to ensure that the chance of low impact activities under this code resulting in harm to flying-foxes is minimised and that appropriate welfare standards are upheld.

1.2 This code sets out how a person may undertake low impact activities at a flying-fox roost anywhere in the State of Queensland in accordance with section 41B of the Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006.

1.3 This code is developed under section 174A of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (‘the Act’).

2. Prescribed methods for low impact activities

2.1 No roost tree may be trimmed when there are flying-foxes in that part of the tree being trimmed, or when flying-foxes are near to the tree and likely to be harmed as a result of the trimming.

2.2 Any trimming of roost trees must be limited to 10% of the total canopy of the roost.

2.3 Low impact activities must immediately cease, and EHP be immediately notified, if a flying-fox appears to have been killed or injured.

2.4 Where low impact activities are required to be undertaken during the day time, works must immediately cease and EHP be immediately notified if 30% or more of the adult flying-foxes leave the roost for five minutes or more.

3. Definitions


Low impact activities— means mulching, mowing or weeding under or near roost trees, and/or minor trimming of roost trees, where the activities are not directed at destroying a flying-fox roost, driving away, or attempting to drive away, a flying-fox from a flying-fox roost, or disturbing a flying-fox in a flying-fox roost.

Roost or flying-fox roost— means a tree or other place where flying-foxes congregate from time to time for breeding or rearing their young.