

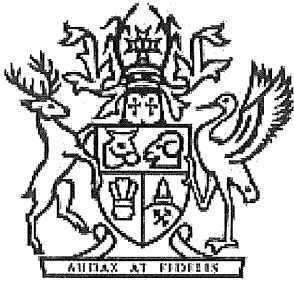
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Hi Gary

Could you please request an update on the flying fox issue at Charters Towers. One week turn around please.

Kind regards
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RESPONSE TO MINISTER'S OFFICE REQUEST

REQUEST DATE: 16 September 2014

ISSUE: Update on the status of flying-foxes at Charters Towers

QUESTION/S:

- Please provide an update on the status of flying-foxes at Charters Towers.

RESPONSE:

- Lissner Park has a small number of black flying-foxes that are present all year round. The conflict with the public arises when thousands of nomadic little red flying-foxes arrive for a 6-week period usually around November.
- It is unknown if there whether there are currently any little red flying-foxes present at the roost.
- The current CTRC flying-fox roost management permit (FFRMP) expires on 20 October 2014.
- Council has not approached the department recently for a new FFRMP.
- On the 12 August 2014 the media reported on Mayor Frank Beveridge concerns about CASA preventing private helicopter operators from participating in flying-fox dispersals. Senator Matthew Canavan said that he would raise the issue with CASA and seek a resolution.
- In order for the Council to carry out its annual clean and maintenance program of the Duck Pond in Lissner Park, the council used a non-lethal method (two fogging machines) to discourage the flying-foxes from roosting near the pool complex and move to the central and western side of Lissner Park. Council started this work on the 1 September 2014. These actions were taken under their as-of-right authority.
- Charters Towers Regional Council has conducted dispersal activities to nudge flying-foxes from around the Kennedy Regiment Memorial Pool (town pool) back into Lissner Park. These activities occurred in the mornings from 8 – 16 September 2014. These actions were taken under their as-of-right authority.