

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

Act— the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

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.