



MEDIA ALERT

22 July 2019

Going into bat for the Commonwealth Park Flying-Foxes

The National Capital Authority (NCA) is pleased to announce it will be working with expert consultants Ecosure, to develop the Commonwealth Park Grey Headed Flying-fox Camp Management Plan. The Plan will provide a framework to guide the NCA's management of Commonwealth Park while also being committed to the protection of the flying-fox camp.

All flying-foxes are protected under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the Act). The grey headed flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) which visits Commonwealth Park is a vulnerable species and considered to be a matter of national significance under the Act. Management of flying-foxes or their habitat must be in line with the Australian Government's "Referral guideline for management actions in grey-headed and spectacled flying-fox camps" and the "Draft Recovery Plan for the grey headed flying-fox *Pteropus poliocephalus*".

The NCA is seeking input into the Plan and its implementation in order to:

- gauge public perception on flying-foxes and the Commonwealth Park colony; and
- seek ideas and feedback about proposed management options.

You can contribute by participating in an online survey available through the NCA's website from Monday 22 July 2019 until Sunday 4 August 2019.

By participating in this survey, you will help the NCA understand the community's knowledge and views towards the management actions concerning the flying-foxes in Commonwealth Park.

WHAT: Grey Headed Flying-Fox Survey

WHO: Anyone who has an interest in Commonwealth Park, flying-foxes, or Canberra's Biodiversity

WHERE: Online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ncaghff>

WHEN: Monday 22 July until Sunday 4 August 2019

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