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Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee
Parliament House
Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Rockhampton Regional Council submission to the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee - *Land Protection Legislation (Flying-fox Control) Amendment Bill 2012.*

Rockhampton Regional Council wishes to thank the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee for the opportunity to make a submission with regard to the *Land Protection Legislation (Flying-fox Control) Amendment Bill 2012.*

At its meeting on 28 August 2012 Council's Performance and Service Committee (which has full authority of Council) adopted the following recommendations:

1. That Council makes a submission to the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee providing support for the intent of the Land Protection Legislation (Flying-fox Control) Amendment Bill 2012.
2. That Council's submission to the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee includes the following recommendations:
 - that a permit system and associated assessments for the control of flying foxes be administered by the State Government (and that it not be devolved to local government); and
 - that the State Government provides technical advice and support to landowners and local governments with regard to flying fox control methodologies.

With regard to the first recommendation, Council acknowledges the need to change current legislation in order to improve the management of flying foxes in Queensland. It is for this reason that Council supports the intent of the Bill.

With regard to the second recommendation and associated two points, Council believes the destruction, dispersal and disturbance of flying foxes should be controlled by a permit system which is administered by the State Government.

This permit system would require land owners/managers (including local governments) to apply for a permit for mitigation activities. The assessment of the application by suitability-qualified officers would prevent unnecessary and ineffective control measures being undertaken.

Council is also concerned about the knowledge and ability of landowners and local governments to properly assess problem areas. To this extent, Council requests that

State Government provides technical advice and support to local governments and land owners regarding flying fox management.

For further enquiries please contact me on the above mentioned telephone number.

Yours faithfully,



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