

29<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Mr John Martin  
The Royal Botanic Garden Sydney  
Mrs Macquaries Road  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Martin

Re: Royal Botanic Garden Flying Fox Dispersal

As you are aware the NSW Wildlife Council (NWC) was concerned about the welfare of the Flying Foxes during the dispersal which has been underway since May 2012. We wish to obtain feedback regarding the following:

- The number of animals dispersed and those remaining.
- The number of animals injured.
- Where the animals are believed to have settled.
- Would you kindly explain why, since noise disturbance has been the principal measure in dispersal, you consider it to be a passive agent for achieving this
- What is the program for dispersal measures for the next 12 months and thereafter

The NWC is also interested in obtaining your comment with regard to the success of the noise measures that you have employed, as this might have application in situations where lethal methods are being considered.

Sincerely

Audrey Koosmen  
Chair  
NSW Wildlife Council Inc.

Cc Mark Savio