



AGENDA

Late Reports

Ordinary Council Meeting

Date: 25 September 2023

Time: 5pm

**Location: Cowra Council Chambers
116 Kendal Street, Cowra**

**Paul Devery
General Manager**

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9.1 Notice of Motion - Flying Foxes

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We, Councillors Ruth Fagan and Paul Smith, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 25 September 2023, we intend to move the following motion:

MOTION

That Council write to the local State Member and the NSW Minister for the Environment seeking urgent assistance to control the plague-like flying fox colony at the Cowra Golf course that is having a detrimental effect on the Golf Club's economic activity, the recreational golfing pursuits of the local community and is impacting upon the potential to attract golfing tournaments to Cowra.

RATIONALE

The number of Flying Fox colonies in Cowra has reached plague proportions and is causing health and welfare problems. The former and now proposed Management Plans will not address the problem which is devastating the environment along the Boorowa Road and Cowra Golf Club.

The large bat camps smell, are noisy, carry bat lyssavirus and rabies. They can also contaminate waterways and drinking water.

There are a number of communities across NSW with similar problems where the native flying foxes have settled into residential areas.

Nationally there are seven types of Flying Fox, three of these, mainly dwelling on the coast and in Queensland, are listed as endangered or vulnerable while the NSW State Government has all flying foxes species as protected species.

The large numbers in these flying fox camps suggests that they are not vulnerable but thriving in an urban environment and their ongoing management needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

We commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil