1. The Member for Dalrymple, Mr Shane Knuth MP, introduced the Land Protection Legislation (Flying-fox Control) Amendment Bill 2012 as a Private Member’s Bill on 21 June 2012.
2. The Bill amends the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* and the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* to control the health risks posed by flying-foxes.
3. The policy intent of these amendments is to empower a landowner to destroy, disturb or drive away a flying-fox or to destroy or disturb a flying-fox roost if the landowner 'reasonably believes' that it is necessary to reduce the risk of disease of harm to a resident or stock. The Bill would also empower the Minister of Environment and Heritage Protection to direct a local government to take these actions under certain conditions.
4. Cabinet decided to oppose the Land Protection Legislation (Flying-fox Control) Amendment Bill 2012.
5. Cabinet noted that the recommendations of the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee’s report would be considered as part of the Department of Environment and Heritage’s ongoing policy development.
6. *Attachments*
* [Land Protection Legislation (Flying-fox Control) Amendment Bill 2012](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes to Bill](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)
* [Report No. 14 of the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee - Land Protection Legislation (Flying-fox Control) Amendment Bill 2012](Attachments/Committee%20rpt014.pdf)
* [Government Response to Parliamentary Committee recommendations in Report No. 14 of the Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee](Attachments/Govt%20response.pdf)