



Commonwealth of Australia

Exemption under section 303A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*

I, Greg Hunt, Minister for the Environment, being satisfied that it is in the national interest to do so, exempt, under section 303A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* (**EPBC Act**), the Director of National Parks and those acting on behalf of the Director of National Parks, from the application of all of the provisions of Part 13 of the EPBC Act in relation to the action specified in this notice.

Specified action

The establishment and operation of a captive management program for the Christmas Island Flying-fox (*Pteropus melanotus natalis*), including but not limited to:

- the capture of a sufficient number of Christmas Island Flying-fox individuals on Christmas Island so as meet the objectives of the captive management program as recommended by expert advisors;
- holding Christmas Island Flying-foxes in captivity for a minimum of three years;
- captive husbandry of the Christmas Island Flying-foxes; and
- release of individual Christmas Island Flying-foxes that may be reared in captivity into natural habitat on Christmas Island.

This exemption takes effect on the date of this notice.



Minister for the Environment

Dated this 26th day of June 2014