Harrington Park Orchards

Growers of quality stone fruit

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Attention: The Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy

We as growers of stonefruit for the last 65 years

We have tried all avenues to our financial ability

. This year it has been the worst year ever the foxes just keep coming

the sky is black every night.

Under the current terms and conditions we do not qualify for netting. We are at the ground root level of the flying fox problem and what the previous government has in place is not working. The numbers are increasing and the devastation is financially and emotionally unbearable.

We challenge Grey-headed Flying -fox as a vulnerable species as this season they seem to keep coming and eating our crops like a flock of seagulls at the beach. There seems to be no end to the numbers of flying foxes.

The flying foxes

- 1. They eat the fruit on the tree
- 2. They pick a piece of fruit and fly to another tree to eat the fruit
- 3. They claw the fruit in search of fruit to eat
- 4. Knock fruit off
- 5. Break Branches
- 6. They urinate and faeces all over the fruit which we cannot sell due to a health risk

In your Media Release it states that there is to be a balance between the need to protect these important animals, with the ongoing effective management of their impact on the environment and the communities that share their habitat, THIS IS NOT THE CASE THEY DESTROYING THE EVIRONMENT AND DIRUPTING COMMUNITES NOT ONLY FARMERS.

We wish to be included in the Public Roundtable Hearing on the 24th of November 2016.

Regard Roger Brian Terrey