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Dear Ms Dale

**Conservation Agreement between Eurobodalla Shire Council and the  
Commonwealth of Australia for the protection and conservation of  
Grey-headed Flying-fox at Batemans Bay NSW**

I refer to the recent collaboration of the Department and the Eurobodalla Shire Council to develop a Conservation Agreement for the management of the vulnerable Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) and its habitat at Batemans Bay, NSW. I note development of a Conservation Agreement was a requirement of the National Interest Exemption granted by the former Minister for the Environment, the Hon Greg Hunt MP, under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) on 17 May 2016.

I appreciate Eurobodalla Shire Council's efforts and commitment to implement a range of management actions for the protection of the Grey-headed Flying-fox and value the fact that Council is taking a more strategic approach to management of the species in the region.

Under Section 305 of the EPBC Act, I have, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia, agreed to enter into a Conservation Agreement with the Eurobodalla Shire Council for the protection and conservation of the Grey-headed Flying-fox at Batemans Bay. I am satisfied that the implementation of the conservation strategies contained in the Conservation Agreement will result in a net conservation benefit for the species.

A signed copy of the document is enclosed for your records. Please note that a copy of the Conservation Agreement will be published on the Department's website.

Yours sincerely

Matt Cahill  
First Assistant Secretary  
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