

# Media Release



## **Funding Support for Zoos and Aquariums Announced 28/04/2020**

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) welcome today's announcement that the Federal Government will provide a support package of \$94.6 million for Australian zoos and aquariums.

QTIC Chief Executive Daniel Gschwind said, "We have been persistent in advocating for support for our Australian zoos and aquariums and we are pleased to hear some good news.

"Although the wait is not quite over and businesses will have to apply through a formal process for the support, it is promising that this funding will help sustain such an essential part of the attraction of many destinations".

The funding will assist with fixed operating costs associated with caring for animals and will help exhibiting zoos and aquariums to remain viable and ready to welcome tourist when restrictions are eased.

Eligible exhibiting zoos and aquariums will have access to a grant that contributes towards up to six months of its animal welfare operating costs. This includes animal feed, veterinarian and other specialised care expenses.

Mr Gschwind continued, "Australian zoos and aquariums, and the wildlife they present to the travelling public, must be kept going for the sake of the entire tourism industry.

"Who can forget the 'koala diplomacy' during the G20 meeting of global leaders. Our wildlife produced some of the most enduring images for world leaders during that event, as it does for most visitors. They deserve our support".

Attached are the Federal Minister's [media release](#) and the [fact sheet](#) in relation to the package.

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