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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Support for Tasmanian wildlife parks and zoos welcomed

The Tasmanian Liberal Government welcomes the support package announced today by the Morrison Government for wildlife parks and zoos in the state.

We know that zoos and parks have many fixed costs, especially feeding and caring for their animals, at a time when there is no revenue from visitors because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Supporting these parks and zoos through this crisis will help care for these beautiful animals, protect jobs in regional communities and help the Tasmanian tourism economy rebound in coming months.

In addition to this Federal assistance, the Tasmanian Government is offering further support for eligible Tasmanian businesses through the Small Business Emergency Grants program, Small Business Interest Free Loan Scheme, and Small Business Hardship Grants.

The Tasmanian Government has also announced a range of Government fees which will be frozen, waived and/or capped, including electricity and water bills.

Additionally, DPIPWE has dedicated an officer to coordinate support for Wildlife Exhibition Licence holders. The support coordinator will work directly with individual licensed wildlife park and zoo operators about specific issues arising from COVID-19 measures, with a focus on maintaining captive animal health and welfare.

For specific information on business support provided by the Tasmanian Government, please visit the Business Tasmania website www.business.tas.gov.au or call direct on 1800 440 026.