

## CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

# Tasmanian Social and Economic Support Package

## Supporting Industries

The health, safety and wellbeing of Tasmanians is our number one priority as we face the challenge of coronavirus. Our social and economic support package will help Tasmanian industries as we deal with the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Tourism and Hospitality support

- A further \$200,000 will be provided to the THA to provide business continuity and cashflow advice, increasing the funding for this initiative up to \$250,000.

### Seafood and fishery support

- The Government will provide an additional \$1.8 million for fisheries fees and licence relief for 12 months. This will include:
  - \$604,000 for fee relief for a range of wild fisheries licence fees, including commercial dive, scallops and fishing vessels;
  - \$427,000 for licence and rental fees relief for shellfish farming; and
  - \$770,000 for ShellMAP Program Fee Relief.
- This initiative is in addition to the 12 month waiver for annual fees for Rock Lobster, Giant Crab, wild capture Fin Fisheries and Abalone Divers which has a full cost of \$3.7 million and brings total Government support to the fishing industry to \$5.5 million.

### Creative and cultural industries

- The Government will provide \$1.5 million to support the Creative and Cultural Industries. The programs to be funded include:
  - \$500,000 for an Arts and Screen Digital Production Fund. This Fund will enable Arts and Screen Tasmania to commission excerpts

of digital versions of cancelled or postponed performing arts events and supporting recording projects of music ensembles;

- \$250,000 one-off funding for script and other development activities which are able to continue under the current restrictions;
- \$250,000 to support contemporary musicians to record music and video for digital distribution and business relaunch; and
- \$500,000 to support additional Arts organisations not currently funded.
- The Government will also extend arts organisation contracts due to expire by one year, supporting 19 organisations to manage through this period of disruption, manage cashflow and continue to employ their staff wherever feasible.

### Critical air freight for industry and our islands

- The Government will provide \$2.6 million towards air freight services for time sensitive freight, including seafood, as well as providing freight and access to our Bass Strait Islands.

### Taxi license fees

- The Government will waive annual taxi licence fees for the calendar year 2020 at a cost of \$240,000.