1. The current regulation of exhibited animals in Zoological Parks and Aquaria crosses over several acts of Parliament, including the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* and *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*, administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, and the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, administered by the Environmental Protection Agency.
2. The main risks associated with keeping exhibited animals are welfare of the animals, public safety and pest potential. These risk areas are not all dealt with specifically in the current legislation.
3. Financial viability of zoos is also not dealt with under the existing legislation. The current regulations do not recognise the roles of conservation, research and education.
4. A discussion paper on exhibited animals will canvass community opinion on these issues with a view to informing future regulations. It is proposed to release the paper for a consultation period of 6 weeks.
5. Cabinet approved the release of a discussion paper on exhibited animals, which will outline the issues, the measures other jurisdictions have implemented, and legislative options that may be adopted in managing the exhibition of animals in Queensland.
6. *Attachments*
* [Exhibited Animals Discussion Paper](attachments/Animal%20Discussion%20Paper.pdf)