1. Since 2000, the Queensland Government has maintained a strategic relationship with the Smithsonian Institution through a Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) administered by the Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation.
2. The Memorandum lapsed on 31 March 2015 and the renewed Memorandum will maintain the exchange of ideas, information, skills and techniques between Queensland Government agencies and the Smithsonian Institution. Any new Queensland Government funding would still be subject to normal budget processes.
3. The key areas of potential collaboration under the Memorandum align with Queensland’s areas of competitive advantage articulated in the Government’s *Advance Queensland* policy initiative, including the Great Barrier Reef, industrial biotechnology, and agriculture.
4. Cabinet approved the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Queensland Government and the Smithsonian Institution for a further three years.
5. *Attachment*
* [Renewed Memorandum of Understanding between the Queensland Government and the Smithsonian Institution (USA)](Attachments/MOU.PDF)