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# Further COVID-19 support for Queensland tourism and hospitality businesses

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### JOINT STATEMENT

#### **Premier and Minister for Trade**

The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk

#### **Treasurer and Minister for Investment**

The Honourable Cameron Dick

#### **Minister for Tourism Industry Development and Innovation and Minister for Sport**

The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering a \$47.75 million Tourism and Hospitality Sector COVID-19 Lockdown Support Package to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19 lockdowns in Queensland and other states.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said the additional business support was part of the continued delivery of Queensland's plan for economic recovery from the global pandemic and addressed the twin burden posed by international and domestic border closures as well as sharp lockdowns to contain COVID.

"From the south-east last week to the Far North right now, Queenslanders experiencing lockdowns are doing an incredible job to keep us all safe," the Premier said.

"My Government is responding to the impact this is having on businesses across the state, particularly those in the tourism and hospitality sectors.

"We've been working closely with all industries throughout the pandemic and we're now providing additional assistance for eligible businesses on top of the \$5,000 COVID-19 Business Support Grants we've already announced.

Treasurer and Minister for Investment Cameron Dick said the package was the result of close consultation with businesses in the tourism and hospitality sectors.

"We've listened to what business has to say and we know the measures deliver immediate cash flow assistance," the Treasurer said.

"The new \$47.75 million tourism and hospitality support package delivers a range of measures including:

- a six-month deferral of payroll tax payments for eligible tourism and hospitality businesses across the state impacted by current lockdowns. Payroll tax liabilities to be paid in August can be deferred for a period of six months. Eligible business who have already made their payroll tax payments in August will be able to defer their next monthly payroll tax liability for six months;
- waiving, refunding or deferring a range of fees and charges for eligible tourism and hospitality businesses, including 12-month fee waivers for tourism businesses operating in a national park, conservation park, recreation area or state forest, including whale watching operations; and
- liquor licensing fee waivers and refunds.