

Animal Welfare Charter

Our Vision

To inspire Australians and our visitors to discover, explore, delight in and protect our natural world.

Our Animals

Animals in the care of the Taronga Conservation Society Australia (TCSA) in Taronga Zoo and Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

Our Animal Welfare Commitment

The Taronga Conservation Society Australia believes that consideration of an animal's welfare must include its physical, physiological and mental state and that highest possible animal care implies good health and well-being.

The TCSA will implement sound animal management practices by ensuring the following 'Five Freedoms' are provided for animals in its care.

- **Freedom from Hunger and Thirst** - by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigour.
- **Freedom from Discomfort** - by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.
- **Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease** - by prevention and rapid diagnosis and treatment.
- **Freedom to Express a Healthy Range of Natural Behaviours** - by providing sufficient space, proper facilities and an appropriate environment and social context.
- **Freedom from Fear and Distress** - by ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.