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## **Statement by Dreamworld Acting CEO Nicole Noye**

### **Dreamworld committed to global best practice in safety**

Dreamworld is delivering on the commitment made by owner Ardent Leisure, on 1 July this year, to implement global best practice in all aspects of theme park operations, including continuous enhancements in ride safety and all elements of safety systems and procedures.

The coronial inquest into the 2016 tragedy at Dreamworld will resume for two further sittings in October and November this year. It would be inappropriate to comment publicly on matters that are the subject of the Coroner's inquiry until that process has run its full course.

Dreamworld reaffirms its commitment to implement the Coroner's recommendations in consultation with Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) and the theme park industry.

Following the comprehensive three-tier engineering and safety review of rides and attractions that commenced at the end of 2016, Dreamworld has continued to implement new safety initiatives covering rides, attractions, training and safety systems and procedures.

A substantial focus of park safety relates to safety systems and procedures and not all safety measures will be obvious to our guests. However, such measures are in place to ensure our guests' and staff safety.

By way of example, recent safety initiatives implemented at the park include:

- an all of park evacuation drill which took place on 31 July 2018 prior to park opening. The drill was attended by Dreamworld staff and representatives from the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, and Workplace Health and Safety Queensland;
- pre-opening and post-closing emergency safety drills and ride-specific evacuation drills with staff members. These drills are ongoing;
- procurement of a new safety management platform; and
- planning and development for the new Dreamworld Training Academy.

Dreamworld continues to work closely and collaboratively with WHSQ, both in relation to development of the Government's newly announced safety case regime for amusement parks and in relation to WHSQ's theme park audit process. In this regard, Dreamworld will be welcoming WHSQ to the park next month for a week of detailed ride inspections and an audit of its safety management systems and procedures.