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Crawford Fund Statement on International Travel

The CEO and the Crawford Fund Board have agreed that it is now feasible to recommence international travel in order to facilitate approved projects and interaction with overseas partners, while recognising that we are working within an ever-changeable COVID world. Crawford Fund travel must comply with **DFAT recommendations** for the destination/(s) involved. For more information on DFAT advice, see <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/> Travel will also only be allowed subject to adherence to home institution regulations (e.g. universities, state agencies).

The individual travelling will need to accept all COVID associated risks, including expenses related to quarantining, in both Australia and the destination countries; the Crawford Fund will not cover these. We will cover the cost of COVID PCR or RAT testing as required, prior to and during travel. Our insurance policy will not cover loss of deposits/cancellations as a result of COVID outbreaks prior to travel. For this reason, we strongly encourage purchase of refundable/changeable airline tickets. Our travel insurance may, however, provide some cover if your trip is interrupted, once commenced, due to personal or travelling companion COVID infection. In case of individual hardship occurring once you have departed Australia and not covered by our insurance policy, we will consider some additional support on a case-by-case basis.

In order to return to some degree of normality, we therefore will agree to supporting international travel subject to the above requirements and on the understanding that the individual weighs up personal risks prior to travelling and takes all necessary health precautions while overseas.

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