



# Reef 2050 Plan

## Reef 2050 Advisory Committee - Communiqué 11 November 2021

The Reef 2050 Advisory Committee (RAC) held its twentieth meeting today via videoconference, chaired by the Honourable Penelope Wensley AC. The RAC is one of two advisory bodies for the Reef 2050 Plan, established in 2015, to facilitate engagement with industry and the broader community on the implementation and review of the Reef 2050 Plan and provide strategic advice to the Australian and Queensland governments on Reef policy matters.

The RAC received updates on: the preparation by Government of an updated State Party report on the state of conservation of the GBR World Heritage Area, to be submitted to the World Heritage Centre by February 2022 for consideration at the June 2022 World Heritage Committee meeting; and on planning for the proposed Reactive Monitoring Mission to Australia by UNESCO and IUCN. RAC members expressed strong interest in being engaged with the reactive monitoring mission, and stressed the importance of the mission taking place well before to the 45<sup>th</sup> World Heritage Committee meeting in June 2022. RAC members discussed the UNESCO draft policy document on climate action for World Heritage.

The RAC again expressed strong concern at the delay in releasing the revised Reef 2050 Plan and urged that it be made available as soon as possible.

The RAC welcomed a presentation on the Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Implementation Plan from RAC member Ms Chrissy Grant and complimented those involved with its development.

The RAC also welcomed a presentation from consultant Ms Jane Waterhouse on the process to update the Scientific Consensus Statement on Land use impacts on Great Barrier Reef water quality and ecosystem condition. Members looked forward to maintaining close engagement with the process.

The RAC reviewed the amendments to its Terms of Reference for approval by Ministers, and amendments to its Operating Protocols following an independent review of Reef 2050 Governance bodies. Members agreed to the updated Terms of Reference and Operating Protocols with the incorporation of changes proposed at this meeting.

RAC Members are: The Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators (AMPTO), the Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA), Traditional Owner groups in the GBR, Queensland Resources Council (QRC), Queensland Farmers Federation (QFF), AgForce, CANEGROWERS, Natural Resource Management Regions Queensland, Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), the Australian Committee of the International Union of the Conservation of Nature (AIUCN), the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), CAREFISH, CSIRO, the Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF), Local Marine Advisory Committees, Queensland Conservation Council (QCC), Queensland Ports Association and the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF).

AgForce was not represented at the meeting.

