



## Protecting the Great Barrier Reef

# \$1.01bn

We're investing in efforts to continue to protect and secure the Reef for future generations.

### \$1.01 billion to protect the Reef and support marine tourism

#### \$1 billion

to accelerate progress towards Reef 2050 Plan targets through the Reef Protection Package.

#### \$12.4 million

to provide continued assistance to tourism industries and Reef-dependent businesses experiencing hardship from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the world's natural wonders and is the largest coral reef on Earth. We are protecting the Reef and supporting the 64,000 Australians who depend upon the Reef economy by strengthening its long-term health and resilience.

The Australian Government's new \$1 billion investment brings its total investment in Reef protection to \$3 billion since 2014. It builds on those achievements by substantially increasing our efforts to protect the Reef, ensuring our management of this national treasure remains world-leading, and generating social and economic benefits for Reef communities.

Our record investment in protecting the Reef is driven by the best science, genuine engagement with local communities and industries, and respect for the rights and knowledge of Traditional Owners.

### REEF PROTECTION PACKAGE

The Australian Government is investing \$1 billion over 9 years (2021-22 to 2029-30) to help ensure that the Great Barrier Reef is protected for future generations. The Reef Protection Package will continue to strengthen actions to reduce pressures on the Reef and develop interventions to support adaptation of the Reef. Components of the package include:

- accelerating actions to improve water quality (\$579.9 m)
- support for world-leading reef management (\$252.9 m)
- reef restoration and adaptation (\$92.7 m)
- strengthening partnerships and stewardship (\$74.4 m)

### CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO REEF-DEPENDENT INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES

The marine tourism industry is a key partner in protecting and managing the Great Barrier Reef, and plays an important role in the protection of the world's largest Reef ecosystem. The Australian Government is providing \$12.4 million for continued assistance to tourism operators on the World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef. This includes support for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority to waive fees and taxes applied to Reef-dependent businesses and continue its vital Reef management work to protect the critical biodiversity of the region.



#### Fast Fact

The Great Barrier Reef is the largest living structure on the planet, covering 348,000 square kilometres – an area roughly the same size as Japan or Italy.