



# Reef 2050 Plan

## Reef 2050 Advisory Committee - Communique 9 October 2018

The Reef 2050 Advisory Committee (RAC) held its twelfth meeting today in Brisbane, chaired by the Honourable Penelope Wensley AC. The RAC is one of the two advisory bodies established to provide strategic advice to the Australian and Queensland governments on implementation of the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050 Plan).

The principal subject addressed at the meeting was the 2020 review of the Reef 2050 Plan, building on discussions held at the July RAC meeting. RAC members:

- provided comment on an updated work plan and timeline for the review prepared by the Joint Secretariat;
- received a report on the work of the program logic working group, convened twice since the July meeting;
- held a workshop to assist further development of the program logic, providing stakeholder views on the value statements that will guide the program logic and inform the overarching goals of the plan.

The Committee discussed the range of value statements contributed during the workshop and emphasised that values across environment, cultural, social and economic themes are intrinsically linked.

Members expressed concern about a disjunction between the timing for completion of the 2020 Review, and completion of key reports and components needed to inform its preparation. The RAC requested that the Joint Secretariat review the timelines with particular regard to the major pieces of work contributing information to the 2020 review.

The Committee received reports on and discussed the following subjects:

- Progress with development of the Reef Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program (RIMReP)
- Activities of the Reef 2050 Communications Network, including a workshop held in Townsville in September, 2018
- A draft Reef Trust Partnership Investment Strategy prepared by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation and the process for further RAC input to finalisation of this investment strategy, due for completion end December, 2018
- The Queensland Government's Land Restoration Fund
- The Clean Energy Finance Corporation's Reef Fund, including projects to support new technology and equipment for improving water quality on farm.

RAC members welcomed a report from the Queensland Ports Association representative on the work completed to deliver its Reef 2050 Plan water quality action and work undertaken by ports to enhance the sustainability of port operations.



The Committee also welcomed the Cairns Recreational Fishing Strategy presented by the representative of CAREFISH.

Membership of the Reef 2050 Advisory Committee includes the Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators, the Queensland Seafood Industry Association, an Independent Traditional Owner, Queensland Resources Council, Queensland Farmers Federation, AgForce, CANEGROWERS, Natural Resource Management Regions Queensland, Local Government Association of Queensland, Australian Committee of International Union of the Conservation of Nature, Australian Institute of Marine Science, CAREFISH, CSIRO, Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Local Marine Advisory Committees, Queensland Conservation Council, Queensland Ports Association and the World Wildlife Fund.

At this meeting, the commercial fisheries and tourism sectors were not represented.