



# Reef 2050 Plan

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## INDEPENDENT EXPERT PANEL – COMMUNIQUÉ 2 AUGUST 2016

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The fourth meeting of the Reef 2050 Plan Independent Expert Panel was held today in Brisbane, chaired by Professor Ian Chubb AC, former Chief Scientist of Australia.

The meeting focussed on the development of strategic advice through a workshop covering five main topics:

- Blue carbon opportunities,
- Ecosystem restoration,
- Cumulative impact assessment,
- Priorities to support development of the Reef 2050 Plan Investment Framework, and
- How to provide impactful advice.

An elaborated report will be finalised at the next meeting.

The Panel also received an update on the work of the Independent Science Panel, including immediate work to support the next Reef Water Quality Protection Plan Report Card and proposed work to refine the indicators and approach for future reporting.



## **Panel members**

### **Professor Ian Chubb AC (Chair)**

Australia's former Chief Scientist

### **Associate Professor Eva Abal**

Program Director of the Global Change Institute's Sustainable Water Program  
Chief Scientific Officer of the Great Barrier Reef Foundation

### **Dr Andrew Ash**

Chief Research Scientist  
CSIRO Agriculture

### **Professor Mike Bell\***

Chair of Tropical Agronomy  
University of Queensland

### **Professor Damien Burrows**

Director of TropWATER  
James Cook University

### **Professor Bill Dennison**

Professor of Marine Science and Vice President for Science Applications  
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science

### **Dr Stefan Hajkowicz\***

Natural resource policy and economic analyst  
CSIRO's Sustainable Regional Development

### **Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg**

Director of the Global Change Institute and Professor of Marine Science  
The University of Queensland

### **Professor Terry Hughes\***

Director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies  
James Cook University

### **Professor Helene Marsh**

Dean of Graduate Research Studies and Professor of Environmental Science  
James Cook University

### **Dr Russell Reichelt**

Chairman and Chief Executive  
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

### **Dr Britta Schaffelke**

Research Program Leader  
A Healthy and Resilient Great Barrier Reef, Australian Institute of Marine Science

### **Adjunct Associate Professor Stephan Schnierer**

Southern Cross University

### **Dr Roger Shaw**

Independent consultant  
Chair of Reef Water Quality Protection Plan Independent Science Panel

### **Professor Natalie Stoeckl**

College of Business, Law & Governance  
James Cook University

\* Apologies, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016