



**KEY ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 2019**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENT</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>
December 2019	A\$46 million for farmers and organisations to improve Great Barrier Reef water quality through agriculture practice change and landscape remediation	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/46-million-improve-great-barrier-reef-water-quality">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/46-million-improve-great-barrier-reef-water-quality</a>
	Reef HQ Aquarium A\$26.9 million upgrade, including upgraded educational exhibits and the turtle hospital  A further \$13.2 million was committed for upgrades 2020 bringing total investment to \$40.1 million	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/reef-hqs-269-million-upgrade">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/reef-hqs-269-million-upgrade</a>
	Be Reef Smart campaign launched to help manage the Reef and save marine life	<a href="https://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/access-and-use/responsible-reef-practices">https://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/access-and-use/responsible-reef-practices</a>
	A\$100 million announced for the Land Restoration Fund, including for practical solutions to improve outcomes across Queensland, including the Great Barrier Reef catchment zones	<a href="https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/89136">https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/89136</a>  <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/climate/climate-change/land-restoration-fund/funded-projects">https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/climate/climate-change/land-restoration-fund/funded-projects</a>
	Reef protection regulations in place to address land-based sources of water pollution flowing into the Reef from sugarcane production	<a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/agriculture/sustainable-farming/reef/reef-regulations">https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/agriculture/sustainable-farming/reef/reef-regulations</a>
January 2020	Citizen Science funding to improve the health of, and protect, the Great Barrier Reef	<a href="https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/89176">https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/89176</a>
February 2020	A\$5 million to establish biodiversity refuges in the Whitsunday Islands	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/biodiversity-refuges-whitsundays">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/biodiversity-refuges-whitsundays</a>
	Funding for the National Environmental Science Program (including working with Traditional Owners and communities to manage the impacts of changing climate on Australian World Heritage sites; work on improving coral condition; and compiling research efforts on the Crown-of-Thorns starfish)	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/funding-national-environmental-science-program-builds-climate-and-environment-evidence-base">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/funding-national-environmental-science-program-builds-climate-and-environment-evidence-base</a>
April 2020	Launch of the A\$150 million research and development phase of the Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program - to help preserve and restore the Great Barrier Reef in the face of rising ocean temperatures and coral bleaching	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/150-million-drive-innovations-boost-reef-resilience">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/150-million-drive-innovations-boost-reef-resilience</a>
	A\$12.6 million for farmers to improve Reef water quality by reducing sediment, nutrients and pesticide run-off	<a href="https://www.philthompson.com.au/media-release-12-6-m-for-farmers-to-protect-reef-water-quality/">https://www.philthompson.com.au/media-release-12-6-m-for-farmers-to-protect-reef-water-quality/</a>
May 2020	24 tonnes of marine debris cleared from Great Barrier Reef beaches under ReefClean project	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/24-tonnes-marine-debris-cleared-great-barrier-reef">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medi-a-releases/24-tonnes-marine-debris-cleared-great-barrier-reef</a>
	Legislation proposed to phase out single-use plastics in Queensland	<a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/recover">https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/recover</a>

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June 2020	Launch of online campaigns to reduce marine litter in the Reef	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/reefclean-goes-digital-ditch-marine-litter">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/reefclean-goes-digital-ditch-marine-litter</a>
	A\$1.8 million boost to engage reef communities in monitoring and reporting on water quality and waterway health in regional reef catchments	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/supporting-healthy-waterways-great-barrier-reef">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/supporting-healthy-waterways-great-barrier-reef</a>
	Two-year pilot sees reduction of hundreds of tonnes of nitrogen used on farms	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/two-year-pilot-sees-reduction-hundreds-tonnes-nitrogen-used-farms">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/two-year-pilot-sees-reduction-hundreds-tonnes-nitrogen-used-farms</a>
July 2020	A\$28.6 million to help control coral-eating Crown of Thorns Starfish	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/crown-thorns-starfish-control-secured">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/crown-thorns-starfish-control-secured</a>
	A\$10 million to deliver nature-based jobs and priority actions to improve the quality of water entering the Reef	<a href="https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/90203">https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/90203</a>
	Reef Guardian Councils committed to another four years in the program	<a href="https://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/our-partners/reef-guardian-councils">https://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/our-partners/reef-guardian-councils</a>
	Raine Island Recovery Project Team delivers green turtle recovery and key species monitoring activities	<a href="https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/raineisland">https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/raineisland</a>
August 2020	Public invited to have their say on the draft updated Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan	<a href="https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/reef-2050-plan">https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/reef-2050-plan</a>
September 2020	A\$25 million Great Barrier Reef Island Resorts Rejuvenation Program including green initiatives at resorts throughout the Reef and clean-up of a derelict resort site and returning it to national park	<a href="https://www.dtis.qld.gov.au/our-work/great-barrier-reef">https://www.dtis.qld.gov.au/our-work/great-barrier-reef</a>
	A\$2 million to restore Queensland's Bowling Green Bay Ramsar wetland	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/2m-restore-queenslands-bowling-green-bay-ramsar-wetland">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/2m-restore-queenslands-bowling-green-bay-ramsar-wetland</a>
	Scientists and sugarcane growers work together to successfully reduce nitrogen runoff	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/sweet-victory-sugarcane-growers">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/sweet-victory-sugarcane-growers</a>
	Fisheries legislation changed to help ensure the sustainability of Queensland's commercial fishing industry	<a href="https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/fisheries/sustainable/fisheries-reforms">https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/fisheries/sustainable/fisheries-reforms</a>
	Boost for Reef protection, jobs and tourism by engaging operators in reef monitoring and conservation work in the Great Barrier Reef	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/617-million-boost-environment-jobs-and-tourism">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/617-million-boost-environment-jobs-and-tourism</a>
	Great Reef Census launched to collect under water images across 100 priority reefs to help inform key management and research decisions	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/census-shine-light-great-barrier-reef">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/medias-releases/census-shine-light-great-barrier-reef</a>

October 2020	A\$28 million to help protect iconic species and improve the health of the Great Barrier Reef's ecosystems	<a href="https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/media-releases/joint-media-release-28-million-support-jobs-and-protect-queenslands-environment">https://minister.awe.gov.au/ley/media-releases/joint-media-release-28-million-support-jobs-and-protect-queenslands-environment</a>
	First Reef Credits issued to improve water quality	<a href="https://www.reefcredit.org/">https://www.reefcredit.org/</a>
	Reef Knowledge System publicly released, bringing together information from Reef and catchment monitoring programs, and providing a snapshot of progress under the Reef 2050 Plan	<a href="https://reefiq.gbrmpa.gov.au/ReefKnowledgeSystem">https://reefiq.gbrmpa.gov.au/ReefKnowledgeSystem</a>
November 2020	Reef regeneration trial underway on the Great Barrier Reef: Loose coral fragments used to build new stable areas of live coral habitat	<a href="https://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news/latest-news/field-management/2020/reef-regeneration-trial-underway-on-the-great-barrier-reef">https://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/newsroom/latest-news/latest-news/field-management/2020/reef-regeneration-trial-underway-on-the-great-barrier-reef</a>
December 2020	Reef regulations in place to establish minimum practice standards for cattle grazing and banana production	<a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/agriculture/sustainable-farming/reef/reef-regulations">https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/agriculture/sustainable-farming/reef/reef-regulations</a>
	Great Barrier Reef Interventions Policy released to guide matters related to restoration and/or adaptation interventions within the Great Barrier Reef	<a href="https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3674">https://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3674</a>
January 2021	Comprehensive progress update on actions (between July 2019 to June 2020) under the Reef 2050 Plan released	<a href="https://fieldcapture.ala.org.au/home/projectExplorer#reportView-heading">https://fieldcapture.ala.org.au/home/projectExplorer#reportView-heading</a>