**Reef 2050 Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program**

**Communiqué steering group meeting 14**

**1 November 2018, Townsville**

The monitoring program is the key mechanism to track the progress of the *Reef 2050 Plan*.It will bring together monitoring, modelling and reporting activities across the Reef and its catchment, offering an easily accessible consolidated source of information to enable timely and appropriate responses by Reef managers and partners to emerging risks and issues.

**Outcomes**

**Transitioning from development to operation:** The steering group’s advice was sought on a potential governance structure for an operational program. This will be the structure in place as the program transitions from development to operation. The group discussed options by comparing existing joint management programs and considered the program roles needed when operational. The steering group requested three options to be scoped and circulated to them for review.

The development of an implementation roadmap was endorsed by the steering group and this will be progressed in 2019. The roadmap will provide an overarching plan for the program from 2019–22, outlining milestones and quality standards the program aims to achieve. It will also assist with transition planning and funding priorities and provide a structured approach for risk management.

**Program management:** Steering group members reviewed the risk register and noted existing and emerging risks with general discussion around these and how they could be mitigated.

**Building an effective and efficient knowledge system:** Progress to date on prototype development and the forward plan was presented to the group. By June 2019 the outputs of work from the program will be integrated to produce an operational prototype.

**Aligning the Reef 2050 Plan and the program:** An update on the [Reef 2050 Plan](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/our-work/reef-strategies/reef-2050) review was provided.

The current five-year cycle of the Reef 2050 plan expires in 2020. Work on the 2020 review of the plan has commenced, with a key piece of work being the review of targets and outcomes, for example, considering how these may be better measured and how they align with the Reef 2050 Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program.

**Great Barrier Reef Foundation update:** A presentation on the Great Barrier Reef [Foundation](https://www.barrierreef.org) funding was given to the steering group. This highlighted next steps which include development of an investment strategy, monitoring and engagement framework, community and stakeholder engagement plan. The annual work plan is expected to be completed by June 2019, this will detail allocated funding.

**Reef updates:** An update from the Independent Expert Panel, Reef 2050 Advisory Committee and the Independent Science Panel was provided to steering group members.

**Reporting and future meetings:** The next steering group meeting is scheduled for 7 February 2019. Previous meeting [communiqués](http://gbrmpa.e-newsletter.com.au/link/id/zzzz5a6fcaefa99b8649/page.html) are available online.

**List of attendees**

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| **Attendee** | **Position** | **Title/Organisation** |
| Bruce Elliot | Co-chair | Acting CEO, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority |
| Elisa Nichols | Proxy for Jamie Merrick | Executive Director, Queensland Department of Environment and Science |
| Deb Callister | Member | Assistant Secretary, Department of the Environment and Energy |
| Christian Roth | Member | Coordinator GBR, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation |
| Peter Stone | Member | General Manager, Agriculture, Bureau of Meteorology |
| Tim Moltmann | Member | Director, Integrated Marine Observing System |
| Mark Jacobs | Member | Assistant Director-General, Queensland Department Of Environment and Science |
| Damien Burrows | Proxy for CC | Director - TropWater, James Cook University |
| Paul Hardisty | Member | CEO, Australian Institute of Marine Science |
| **Apologies** | | |
| Jamie Merrick | Co-chair | Director-General, Queensland Department of Environment and Science |
| Ian Gordon | Member | Director, Water, Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy |
| Roger Shaw | Member | Chair – Independent Science Panel, Paddock to Reef Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program |
| Chris Cocklin | Member | Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor, James Cook University |

**Observers/Experts/Presenters**

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| Cedric Robillot | Observer | Great Barrier Reef Foundation |
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