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Communiqué steering group meeting 14

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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](#) 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](#) 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](#) are available online.



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List of attendees

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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Margaret Johnson	Observer	General Manager, Reef Strategy, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Bernadette Hogan	Observer	Director, Queensland Department of Environment and Science
Roger Beeden	Observer	Director, Reef Knowledge, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Mel Cowlshaw	Observer	Assistant Director, Strategic Advice, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Cedric Robillot	Observer	Great Barrier Reef Foundation
David Souter	Observer	Research Manager, Australian Institute of Marine Science
Giles West	Observer	Assistant Director, Department of Environment and Energy
Michelle Dyer	Observer	Assistant Director, Reef Knowledge, Great Barrier Reef Marine

Secretariat

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Fergus Molloy	Secretariat	Assistant Director, Reef Knowledge, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Dylan Horne	Secretariat	Assistant Director, Reef Knowledge, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Laura Wallace	Secretariat	Project Manager - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority