*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.*

**Communiqué Steering Group meeting 15**

**5 March 2019, Brisbane**

**Outcomes**

**Implementation roadmap:** The Steering Group, Program Delivery Working Group representatives, and other key partners and stakeholders participated in a workshop to identify potential goals, milestones, gaps and barriers as inputs to the roadmap. The roadmap will guide the program’s implementation and evolution through to 2024–25. The Steering Group supported the road-mapping process and noted that further inputs will be drawn through more targeted consultation with Steering Group members and others over the coming weeks.

**Finalising a purpose focused program design:** The Steering Group received an overview of the tasks underway to finalise the program design. Following previous Steering Group agreements, this work will draw on insights gained through the trade-off analysis and be informed by parallel conceptual modelling to produce a program design that is tailored towards fulfilling management needs.

**Operational governance:** Operational governance for the periods July to December 2019, and 2020–22 were discussed with the Group identifying a number of issues and uncertainties that need to be resolved before arrangements can be settled. Further consideration of these issues and uncertainties will inform development of the implementation roadmap.

**Building an effective and efficient knowledge system:** An update was provided of work underway to produce a prototype web-based visualisation portal. The presentation focused on the functional parts of the prototype and the types of information that are part of its development.

**Program and risk management:** The Steering Group requested that the project management tools (Gantt charts) and risk register continue to be reviewed and updated accordingly and reports provided at each meeting.

**Future meetings:** The next Steering Group meeting will be scheduled late in 2018-19 financial year in line with delivery of program design and roadmap work packages. Previous meeting [communiqués](http://gbrmpa.e-newsletter.com.au/link/id/zzzz5a6fcaefa99b8649/page.html) are available online.

**List of attendees**

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| 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 |
| Tim Moltmann | Member | Director, Integrated Marine Observing System |
| Mark Jacobs | Member | Assistant Director-General, Queensland Department Of Environment and Science |
| Damien Burrows | Proxy for Chris Cocklin | Director - TropWater, James Cook University |
| Paul Hardisty | Member | CEO, Australian Institute of Marine Science |
| Roger Shaw | Member | Chair – Independent Science Panel, Paddock to Reef Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program |
| **Apologies** | | |
| Jamie Merrick | Co-chair | Director-General, Queensland Department of Environment and Science |
| Chris Cocklin | Member | Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor, James Cook University |
| Ian Gordon | Member | Director, Water, Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy |
| Peter Stone | Member | General Manager, Agriculture, Bureau of Meteorology |

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