



Reef 2050 Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program

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](#) 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
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

Observers/Experts/Presenters

Attendee	Position	Title/Organisation
Bernadette Hogan	Observer	Director, Queensland Department of Environment and Science
Roger Beeden	Observer	Director, Reef Knowledge, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
David Leverton	Observer	Chief Information Officer, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
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Cedric Robillot	Observer	Great Barrier Reef Foundation
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Ian Poiner	Observer	MPA Board Chairman, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
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Apologies		
Margaret Johnson	Observer	General Manager, Reef Strategy, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Paul Greenfield	Observer	Chair, Intl. Scientific Advisory Committee, Great Barrier Reef Foundation
Paul Lawrence	Observer	Executive Director, Queensland Department of Environment and Science
Richard Quincey	Observer	Director, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
Bronwyn Houlden	Observer	Assistant Director, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
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Secretariat

Attendee	Position	Title/Organisation
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