



Reef 2050 Plan

Reef 2050 Advisory Committee - Communique 24 July 2018

The Reef 2050 Advisory Committee (RAC) held its eleventh meeting today in Brisbane, chaired by The Honourable Penelope Wensley AC. The RAC is one of the principal advisory bodies established to provide strategic advice to the Australian and Queensland governments on implementation of the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050 Plan).

The RAC received reports on and discussed the following subjects:

- The outcomes of the Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Forum held in Brisbane on 19 July 2018;
- the 2018 World Heritage Committee meeting held in Bahrain on 24 June to 4 July;
- the state of the Reef
- the Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program;
- the Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Aspirations Project;
- communications activities in the International Year of the Reef;
- new funding announcements by the Australian and Queensland governments and the new partnership between the Australian Government and Great Barrier Reef Foundation.

The Committee considered preparatory activities for the comprehensive 2020 review of the Reef 2050 Plan. It was agreed that a small representative group of RAC members would work with the Joint Secretariat on a program logic for the Plan and bring recommendations to the next meeting of the RAC on 9 October, 2018, to facilitate a more detailed discussion on the scope of, and a work plan for, the 2020 review. The Committee also discussed and provided advice on modelling products that will inform the review with information about climate trajectories and the influence of local management actions.

RAC members received a progress report on development of the Outlook 2019 report. The Outlook report will be one of the key documents informing the 2020 review and the Australian Government's next report to the World Heritage Committee.

Membership of the Reef 2050 Advisory Committee includes the Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators, the Queensland Seafood Industry Association, an Independent Traditional Owner, Queensland Resources Council, Queensland Farmers Federation, AgForce, CANEGROWERS, Natural Resource Management Regions Queensland, Local Government Association of Queensland, Australian Committee of International Union of the Conservation of Nature, Australian Institute of Marine Science, CAREFISH, CSIRO, Great Barrier Reef Foundation, Local Marine Advisory Committees, Queensland Conservation Council, Queensland Ports Association and the World Wildlife Fund.

