



# Reef 2050 Plan

## Reef 2050 Advisory Committee - Communiqué 16 August, 2022

The Reef 2050 Advisory Committee (RAC) held its twenty-second meeting today, chaired by the Honourable Penelope Wensley AC. The RAC is one of two advisory bodies for the Reef 2050 Plan, established in 2015, to facilitate engagement with industry and the broader community on the implementation and review of the Reef 2050 Plan and provide advice to the Australian and Queensland governments on reef policy and management.

The RAC discussed a number of substantial issues relating to the health and management of the Reef and investment programs. Members noted with appreciation the substantial amount of investment committed by governments and commended the work undertaken by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, but reiterated the need for timely and transparent information about evaluation of previous programs and thorough engagement with the Committee to seek advice on funding priorities. The RAC emphasised the importance of good consultation to ensure that opportunities to capitalise on industry and community effort and to engage Traditional Owners in Reef management are realised.

The RAC received and discussed briefings on:

- World Heritage processes
- government funding commitments and administrative arrangements
- the State of the Reef and the most recent Annual Summary Report of the AIMS Long-term Monitoring Program
- the review of the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan including the update to the Scientific Consensus Statement and review of the agricultural management practice adoption targets
- the Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Implementation Plan
- the review of the Reef Wetlands Strategy.

RAC members expressed concern at a number of ongoing and emerging management issues relating to fisheries, the marine park, and the Reef's catchments. Members emphasised the need to explore multiple avenues for future action and identified key topics for discussion at the next meeting.

RAC Members are: The Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators (AMPTO), the Queensland Seafood Industry Association (QSIA), Traditional Owner groups in the GBR, Queensland Resources Council (QRC), Queensland Farmers Federation (QFF), AgForce, CANEGROWERS, Natural Resource Management Regions Queensland, Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), the Australian Committee of the International Union of the Conservation of Nature (ACIUCN), the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), CAREFISH, CSIRO, the Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF), Local Marine Advisory Committees, Queensland Conservation Council (QCC), Queensland Ports Association and the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF).

QSIA was not represented at the meeting.

