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# Reef 2050 Plan

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## INDEPENDENT EXPERT PANEL – COMMUNIQUÉ 18 NOVEMBER 2020

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The eighteenth meeting of the Reef 2050 Plan Independent Expert Panel was held on 18 November 2020 by videoconference.

The Panel received an overview of the public consultation feedback received on the draft updated Reef 2050 Plan, including the key themes of public concern. The Panel discussed provided advice on areas of the Plan that could be revised and supported the development of summary communication products that could assist with public engagement on the Plan.

The Panel also discussed and provided advice for the review of Reef 2050 governance, which is currently underway, and advice on work exploring climate change trajectories and management intervention benefits.

The Panel received updates on:

- the outcome of the Queensland Government election
- World Heritage matters
- the Reef Water Quality Report Card
- recent meetings of the Reef Water Quality Independent Science Panel.

The next meeting of the Panel is proposed for early 2021.

## Panel members

### **Professor Ian Chubb (Chair)**

Former Australian Chief Scientist

### **Dr Andrew Ash**

Research Consultant and Advisor

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### **Dr Richard Brinkman**

Research Program Director

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### **Professor Damien Burrows**

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### **Dr Romy Greiner**

Environmental Economist

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### **Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg**

Director of the Global Change Institute and  
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### **Professor Terry Hughes**

Director of the Australian Research Council  
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### **Professor Catherine Lovelock**

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### **Professor Helene Marsh**

Emeritus Professor

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### **Dr Russell Reichelt**

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### **Adjunct Associate Professor Stephan Schnierer**

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### **Dr Stuart Whitten**

Institutional and Environmental Economist

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