



Reef 2050 Plan

INDEPENDENT EXPERT PANEL – COMMUNIQUÉ 25 JULY 2018

The eleventh meeting of the Reef 2050 Plan Independent Expert Panel was held on 25 July 2018 in Brisbane.

The Panel received reports from and discussed:

- the 44th meeting of the Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Forum (19 July, Brisbane),
- the 42nd session of the World Heritage Committee (24 June – 4 July, Bahrain),
- the Coral Reef Futures Symposium (19 – 20 July, Brisbane), and
- the Great Barrier Reef Restoration Symposium (16 – 19 July, Cairns).

The Panel received a progress update on development of the Great Barrier Reef Outlook 2019. The Outlook report will be a key document informing the 2020 review of the Reef 2050 Plan and Australia's next report to the World Heritage Committee on the State of Conservation of the Great Barrier Reef.

The Panel was updated on recent funding announcements of the Australian and Queensland Governments. The Panel discussed in detail the components that comprise the Reef Trust-Great Barrier Reef Foundation Partnership: Reef restoration and adaptation science; water quality, crown of thorns starfish control; Reef integrated monitoring and reporting and Indigenous and community Reef protection actions. The Panel undertook to develop strategic advice for consideration by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.

The next meeting of the Panel is scheduled for October 2018. The Panel will discuss the Reef Trust-Great Barrier Reef Foundation partnership and the 2020 review of the Reef 2050 Plan.



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