



Reef 2050 Plan

INDEPENDENT EXPERT PANEL – COMMUNIQUÉ 5-6 NOVEMBER 2018

The twelfth meeting of the Reef 2050 Plan Independent Expert Panel was held on 5-6 November 2018 in Brisbane.

The Panel received a progress update on development of the Great Barrier Reef Outlook 2019. The Outlook report will inform 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 discussed the planned approach to the comprehensive review of the Reef 2050 Plan. The Panel provided advice on the overall approach to the review and agreed the foundations for a more clearly structured plan.

The Panel received updates from the Independent Science Panel and on the Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program.

The Panel discussed the Great Barrier Reef Foundation's draft Investment Strategy and undertook to develop strategic advice for consideration by the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.

The next meeting of the Panel will be held in February 2019.



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