



# Reef 2050 Plan

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## INDEPENDENT EXPERT PANEL – COMMUNIQUÉ 9 MAY 2019

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The fourteenth meeting of the Reef 2050 Plan Independent Expert Panel was held on 9 May 2019 in Brisbane.

The Panel reviewed the Reef Trust-Great Barrier Reef Foundation Partnership draft 2019-2020 Annual Work Plan. The Panel's strategic advice will help to inform future investments made by the Foundation under the Partnership.

The Panel received a presentation on the draft investment case for the Reef Restoration and Adaption Program (RRAP). The Panel acknowledges the high quality work and collaborative approach of the RRAP partners to identify innovative measures to help sustain the Great Barrier Reef as it adapts to the relentless pressure of global warming. The Panel provided initial verbal advice on the draft investment case and will provide further advice to the RRAP partners and to the Great Barrier Reef Ministerial Forum.

The Panel also received updates from:

- the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority on progress with the implementation of the Reef Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program, and
- the Reef Water Quality Independent Science Panel on outcomes from work they have undertaken reviewing water quality activities, initiatives, and reports.

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



## **Panel members**

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