

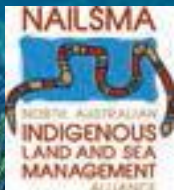


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Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Aspirations Project

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Traditional artwork by Patricia Gavin.



Traditional Owners

- Over 70 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traditional Owner Clan groups have connections to the Great Barrier Reef
- Connections to sea country extend as far offshore as the outer barrier reefs
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clan groups speak over 20 distinct languages
- Maintain a 'living maritime culture' through stories, traditional uses, practices and custodianship



Great Barrier Reef Marine Park



AREA

344,400 km²

LENGTH

2300 km long

70 million
football fields

Roughly the
same area as...



ITALY



JAPAN



GERMANY



MALAYSIA

3000



coral reefs

600



continental islands

1625



types of fish

133



varieties of
sharks and rays

600



types of soft
and hard corals

Great Barrier Reef

- It's a multiple-use area that supports a range of activities and industries – traditional land and sea estates, tourism, fishing, boating, shipping
- Adjacent catchments support many communities and diverse industries that generate billions of dollars annually
- Its health is directly affected by land and near-shore activities
- These activities impact on estuaries, seagrass meadows, catchments and coastal systems
- The region is critical to the economic and social wellbeing of more than one million Australians



Introducing the Reef 2050 Plan



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Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan





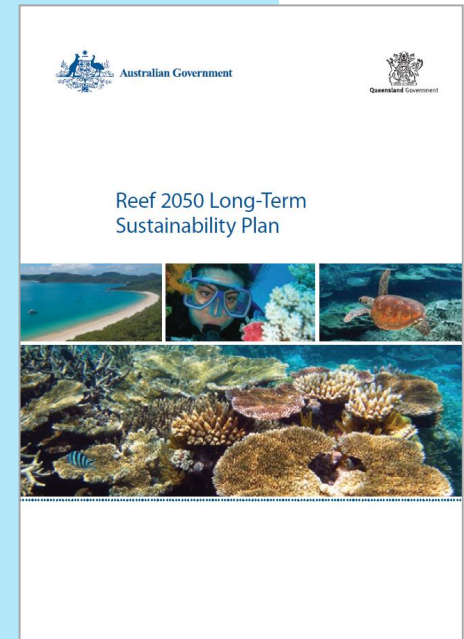
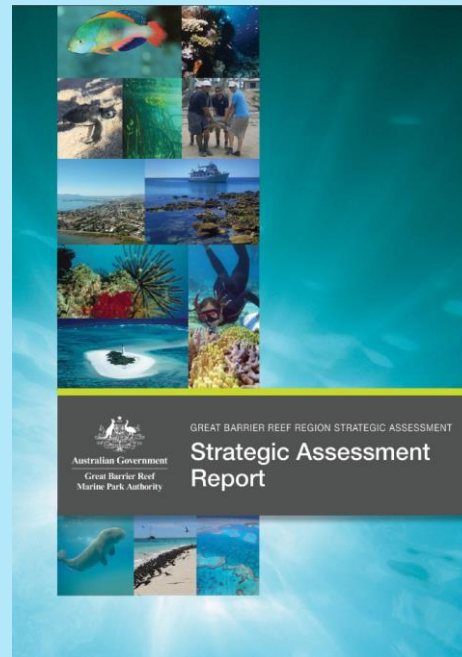
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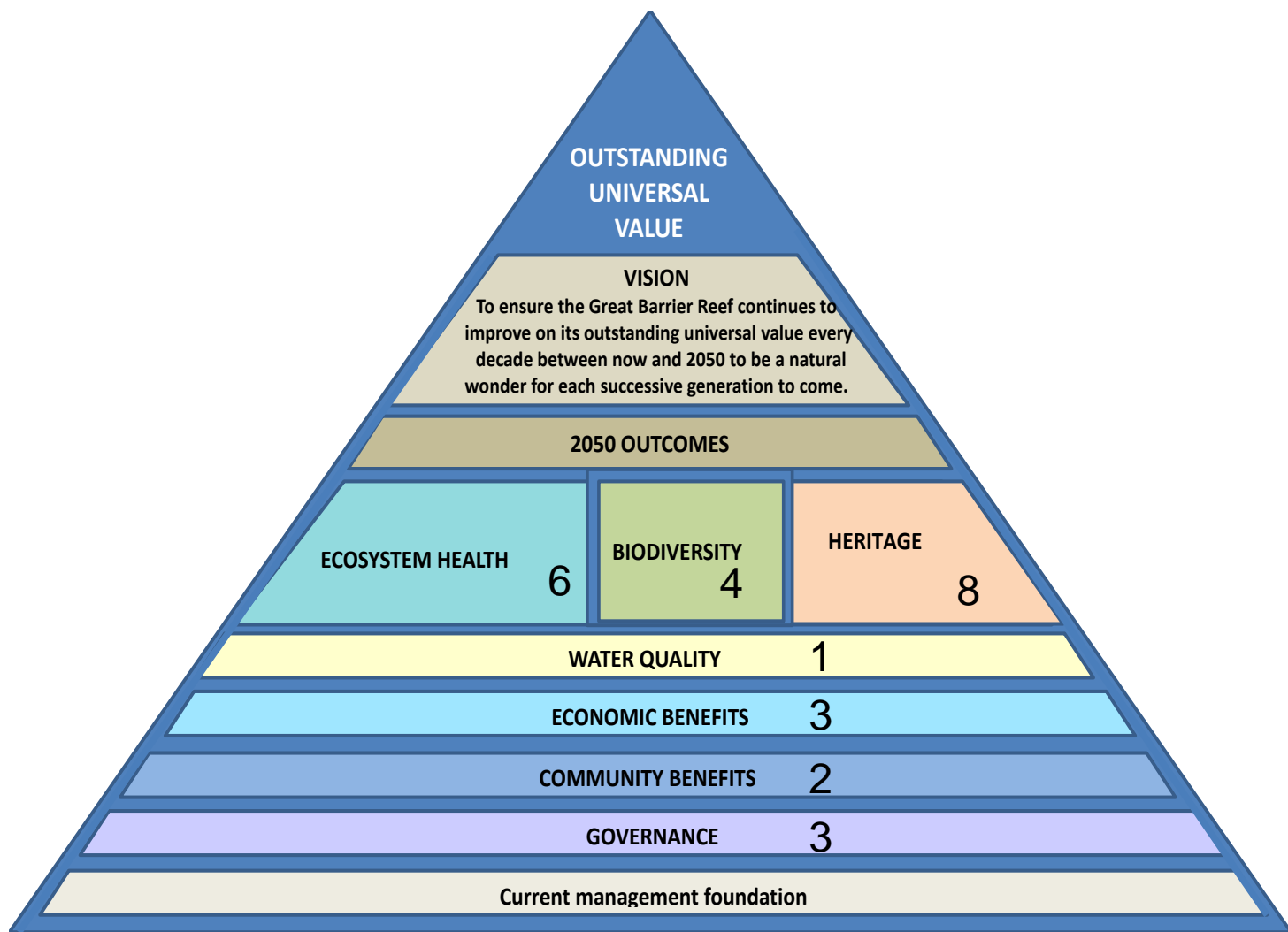
“Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the Great Barrier Reef’s Traditional Owners and have a continuing connection to their land and sea country”



Where Did the Reef 2050 Plan Come From?

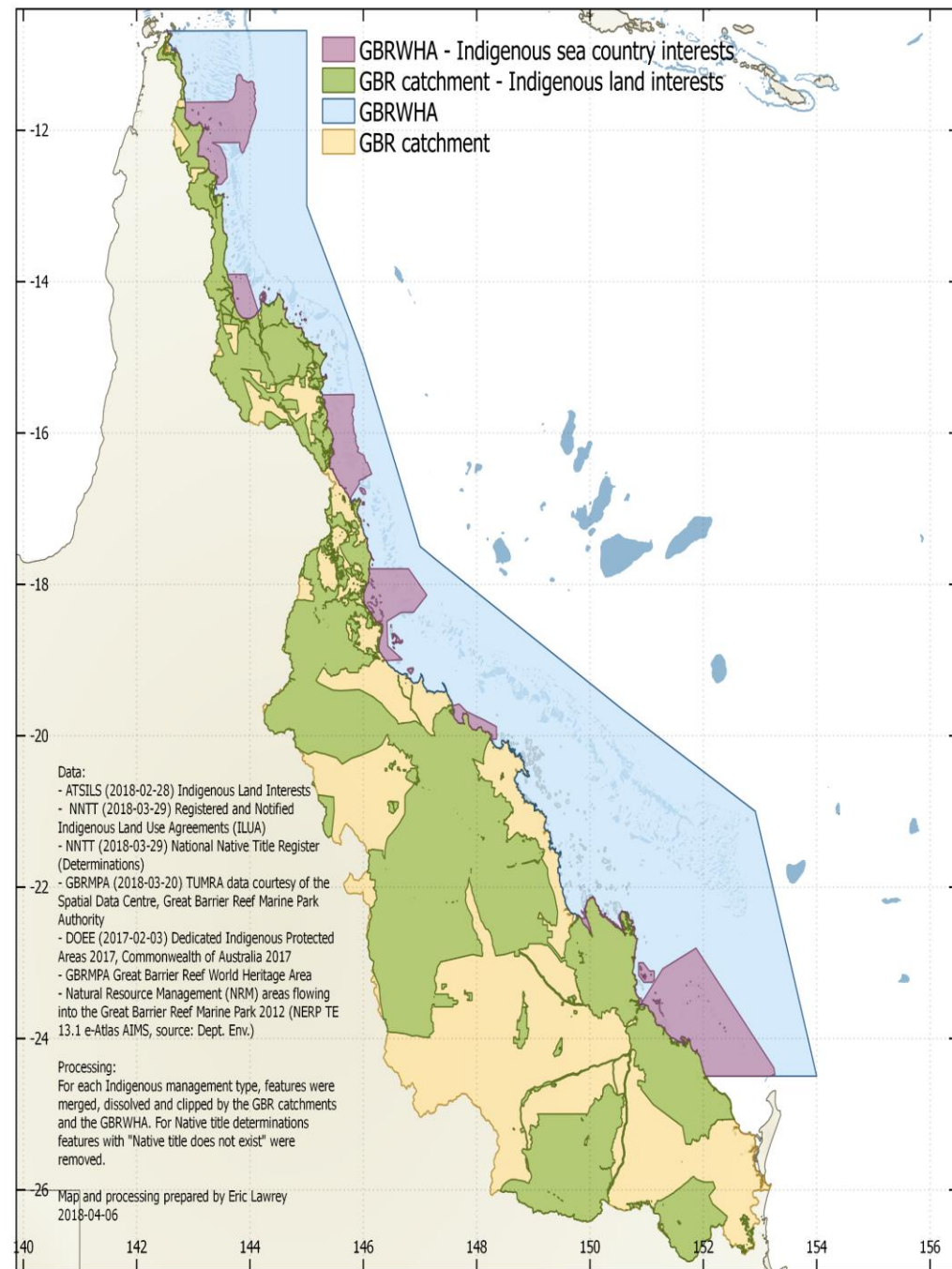
- In 2014, GBR strategic assessment identified the need for a combined and long term approach between the Commonwealth, State and key GBR stakeholders.
- Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050 Plan) – Became a 35-year plan to protect the Reef
- 27 Traditional Owner Actions Were Negotiated into the Plan





What is R2050 Traditional Owner Aspirations Project looking at?

- Coordinating and facilitating culturally appropriate engagement with Traditional Owners and Reef 2050 delivery partners.
- Developing an approach to support Traditional Owner engagement in monitoring, evaluation and reporting activities as part of the Reef 2050 Plan reporting process.
- Advising on the Plan's adaptive management, guided by engagement with Traditional Owners, including options for sustainable delivery arrangements.



What does this really mean?

- What does your program of works look like that is associated with implementation of the Reef 2050 Plan - including a clear signal on your priorities?
- What is your preferred design for the most effective governance arrangements?
- Identify the larger policy issues concerning your future involvement in the management of the GBR
- Advice for Reef 2050 Partners to improve their capacity to engage with you in meaningful partnerships
- What are the gaps in the implementation of the Reef 2050 Plan and your recommendations on how, and by whom, these gaps can be addressed?
- What do you want to see in a proposal for development of new delivery arrangements?
- Establish a long-term basis for ongoing structural engagement of Traditional Owners in GBR management and Reef 2050

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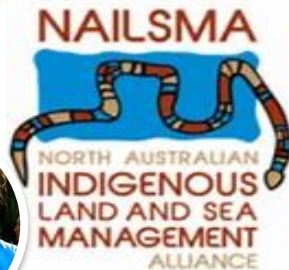
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OUR OPPORTUNITY

- At the end of 2020, we want to be in a position where your aspirations, as Traditional Owners, are well understood and partners from all sectors are better positioned to help negotiate, realise and support your rights and responsibilities
- A clear roadmap will articulate how to best make further progress in delivering on the your commitments under the Reef 2050 Plan – Australia's strategic response to the management of the Great Barrier Reef.
- Your participation becomes normal in implementing the Reef 2050 Plan and partnerships will be brokered with you that harness opportunities to deliver on your aspirations.

