



Great Barrier Reef & Marine Protection

For many people around the world, when they think of Queensland they think of our iconic Great Barrier Reef. Our precious reef is under existential threat from climate change and poor water quality, but it doesn't have to be this way. We must do everything we can to save the Reef, and keep Queensland's oceans safe for the myriad of creatures who call them home.

Suggested policy solutions for the next Queensland government:

- Implement and enforce the Great Barrier Reef Protection Measures, and fund complementary landscape restoration measures and extension officers, to achieve end-of-catchment targets for reducing Reef water pollution by 2025 at the latest.
- Review and adapt the scientific guiding principles developed for Marine Park planning, in line with global best practice and any changes to the Convention of Biological Diversity targets.
- Complete review process for existing marine parks, and assess the adequacy of Queensland's Marine Park system in managing the entirety of our coastal and marine environment, and develop a plan to address gaps in protection.
- Establish marine park stakeholder advisory committees for all Queensland marine parks.
- Complete and implement the findings of the review of the Great Sandy Marine Park Zoning Plan.
- Implement the sustainable fishery reforms and create a net free zone in the northern Great Barrier Reef to protect Reef marine life from unsustainable fishing and netting practices.

- Protect threatened turtles, dugongs, whales, inshore dolphins and sharks by:
 - » Providing \$20 million to buyout three offshore net licences and a package of inshore net licenses.
 - » Implementing non-lethal shark control methods and ban shark nets.
 - » Remove nets during humpback whale migration season (late Autumn - late Spring).
 - » Extending the ban on drum lines through all Queensland waters.

See 'Climate Change' further in document for climate solutions that can help reduce coral bleaching.

No backwards steps:

- Support the joint state-federal Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan, including the actions and targets it contains to protect and restore the Great Barrier Reef.
- Maintain and enforce Great Barrier Reef water quality regulations introduced in 2019 and the funding of \$100m over 4 years to support implementation of the laws.
- Maintain the ban on lethal drum lines on the Great Barrier Reef.