

To see more detail on key categories and indicators (including aspirational indicators for monitoring and reporting in the future), program design and report card results – visit the respective websites listed below.

## Reef Water Quality Report Card



The Paddock to Reef Integrated Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program (Paddock to Reef program) provides the framework for evaluating and reporting progress towards Reef 2050 WQIP targets through the Reef Water Quality Report Card.

The program unites more than 20 industry bodies, government agencies, Natural Resource Management bodies, landholders and research organisations and is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments.

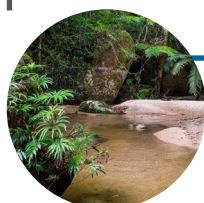
[www.reefplan.qld.gov.au/tracking-progress/reef-report-card](http://www.reefplan.qld.gov.au/tracking-progress/reef-report-card)

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## Regional Report Card Partnerships

[www.reefplan.qld.gov.au/tracking-progress/regional-report-cards](http://www.reefplan.qld.gov.au/tracking-progress/regional-report-cards)

### Wet Tropics Waterways



The Partnership's vision is Partnering for healthy tropical waterways and vibrant communities. Wet Tropics Waterways partners include all levels of government, peak bodies for regional industries (agriculture, tourism, transport, development, aquaculture), natural resource managers, research organisations and community groups working together towards a common goal.

[www.wettropicswaterways.org.au](http://www.wettropicswaterways.org.au)

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### Townsville Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waters



The mission of the Partnership is to improve the values of catchments and Reef, with the vision that the Townsville region will have healthy waterways that are important to and benefit the community, industries and ecological communities.

[www.drytropicshealthywaters.org](http://www.drytropicshealthywaters.org)

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### Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership



The primary purpose of the Partnership is to develop an annual Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac regional waterway health report card. The report card uses the best independent science and integrates a range of GBR- wide and regional monitoring programs to measure waterway health in an environmental, social, economic and cultural context.

[www.healthyriverstoreef.org.au](http://www.healthyriverstoreef.org.au)

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### Fitzroy Partnership for River Health



The Fitzroy Partnership is a collective of government, agriculture, resources, industry, research and community interests across the Fitzroy basin in central Queensland. Partners have a common goal of providing a more complete picture on river health and support this goal by providing funding, resources and contributing water quality and ecosystem health monitoring data. This data is used to produce reporting products which inform Basin management strategies and the Fitzroy Basin communities.

[www.riverhealth.org.au](http://www.riverhealth.org.au)

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### Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership



Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership vision is that Gladstone has a healthy, accessible, working harbour. The partnership was formed to independently report on the health of Gladstone Harbour, and identify opportunities based on rigorous science and strong stakeholder engagement to improve the health of the Harbour for the future.

[www.ghhp.org.au](http://www.ghhp.org.au)

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# Explaining Reef water quality and regional report cards

Report cards associated with Great Barrier Reef (GBR) catchments, waterways and marine areas inform management decisions to improve water quality and ecosystem health within these environments. They raise awareness of the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan (Reef 2050 WQIP) and assist regional communities to understand waterway conditions and progress towards catchment management targets. They can also provide greater appreciation/understanding of the social, economic and cultural benefits that waterways provide to local communities and catchment management actions to achieve reduced pollutant loads, better water quality, restored ecosystem health and improved wellbeing.

There are distinct report cards that cover the GBR – the **Reef Water Quality Report Card** evaluates and reports on progress towards the Reef 2050 WQIP targets, objectives and long term outcomes on a reef-wide basis. **Regional Report Cards (Wet Tropics, Townsville Dry Tropics, Mackay Whitsunday Isaac, Fitzroy and Gladstone Harbour)** outline the condition of a variety of indicators for diverse ecosystems within each region.

## Reef Water Quality Report Card

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The information in these report cards determines the success of actions and identifies whether further measures need to be taken to address water quality in Great Barrier Reef catchments.

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## Regional Report Cards

Regional report cards **outline the condition** of freshwater, estuarine, inshore and offshore marine ecosystems in their region. They also report regionally on social, cultural and economic health and stewardship.

The five Regional report card partnerships have a common goal of improving the understanding of regional waterway health and the quality of water flowing into the Great Barrier Reef. Support, funding and resourcing comes from their partners and the Australian and Queensland governments. The partnerships bring together regional communities including Traditional Owners, industry, farmers and fishers, scientists, tourism operators, volunteer community groups and all levels of government.

Each regional partnership reports on indicators that are relevant and specific to their own regions and based on regional values as well as WQIP targets. Careful selection and evaluation of indicators at the regional level:

- provides a finer scale, regionally-relevant assessment of the 'health' status of all waterways in a region
- assesses the status of ecological, environmental, social, economic and cultural values of particular relevance to each region
- highlights environmental pressures that are best dealt with by local government and catchment management groups
- provides a linkage between what is happening in the catchments and how this affects the Reef
- unifies the community on waterway health.

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Australian Government



Queensland Government

The diagram on the following two pages outlines key categories and reporting indicators for each report card. Although some indicators may be similar – each report card may report on indicators differently. For ease of graphic display some indicators have been summarised and combined to provide a holistic view of all report cards. For an in-depth understanding of each report card refer to the last page for links to partnership websites where program design documents can be found.



