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Senator Waters asked:

WQO1 in the draft Reef 2050 plan is “The quality of water entering the reef from broadscale land use has no detrimental impact on the health and resilience of the Great Barrier Reef.” I understand that it’s the same as the long term goal under Reef Plan 2013, but with one difference – the old goal was to achieve that by 2020. The new goal has no timeframe at all. Can you tell me why that is?

- a. Why was the timeframe dropped from the goal when it was copied from Reef Plan 2013?

Answer:

The long term goal of the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2013 (Reef Plan 2013) is to ensure that by 2020 the quality of water entering the reef from broad scale land use has no detrimental impact on the health and resilience of the Great Barrier Reef. This goal remains in place as part of Reef Plan 2013.

- a. The Reef 2050 Plan will ensure that commitments will deliver on this objective beyond 2020. The Plan, including the outcomes framework, has been developed in close consultation with partners, particularly a partnership group bringing together representatives from government, key organisations and interest groups.