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**Senator Waters asked:**

The Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2013 is still on foot, but now that the draft Reef Plan 2050 does not contain the 2020 time-bound, which would prevail?

- a. What is the timeframe under the new draft Reef 2050 plan?

**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 broadscale 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.

The Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability 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.