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**Senator Waters asked:**

The Reef plan defines “objectives” as being achieved in the “medium term”. What does that mean in this case?

**Answer:**

Objectives are higher order overarching statements of intent, to guide the development of targets and actions and provide a link between five year targets and the Reef 2050 outcomes. As a result of feedback on the draft Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan, the final version of the Plan will make it clear that objectives are expected to be achieved by 2035.