

**Department of the Environment and Energy**

**QUESTIONS RE INVESTMENT IN GREAT BARRIER REEF INITIATIVES**

1. Reef Trust and Reef Programme investments targeting farmers and landholders:

Project	Objectives	Applications	Successful	Unsuccessful	# of farmers/landholders engaged
<b>Reef Trust Phase 1</b>					
Reverse tender - cane (competitive grants process)	Long-term reduction in nitrogen discharge from the Wet Tropics sugar cane industry leading to improvement in Reef water quality	21	15(1 withdrawal so only 14 contracts executed)	6	14
Grazing (non competitive)	Promotion of grazing best management practice				0 graziers (total for project)
<b>Reef Trust Phase 2</b>					
Reverse tenders - cane (competitive grants process)	Long-term reduction in nitrogen discharge from the Burdekin sugar cane industry leading to improvement in Reef water quality	21	17(1 withdrawal so only 16 contracts executed)	4	16
Gully erosion control (competitive grants process)	Long-term reduction in sediment run-off from high risk Gully Erosion areas in the Reef catchments, to improve water quality	8	6	2	at least 31 to be directly engaged in piloting gully erosion control techniques with each of these projects having a significant outreach component.
<b>Reef Trust Phase 3</b>					
Water Quality package (competitive grants process)	To address the key threats of nutrient, pesticide and sediment loss through targeted investment to facilitate agricultural industry best management practice adoption and innovation to provide cost effective water quality improvements	6*	4	2	Delivery partners to engage landholders - this is planned to commence later this year.
<b>Reef Programme</b>					
Water Quality Grants		12	7	5	as at June 2015 approximately 1345 farmers/landholders have been engaged under Reef Programme (grazing and farming)
Water Quality Partnerships		9	6	2(1 withdrawal)	
Systems Repair on-ground		31	14	17	

\*eligible applications for delivery partners to run a competitive grants and extension process

2. What are the assessment criteria and processes?

Phase I - reverse tender (cane)

Grant guidelines are at this link:

<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/c1d3b7ce-b1b4-40be-8e0a-7132b40ad27f/files/reef-trust-tender-competitive-tender-round-applicant-guidelines.pdf>

For assessment criteria, see page 11

Phase II - reverse tender (cane)

Grant guidelines are at this link:

<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/2610ae34-c8e7-4424-aac9-fe022d4b18fb/files/burdekin-reef-trust-tender-applicant-guidelines.pdf>

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Phase III - gully erosion

Grant guidelines are at this link:

<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/d597f340-04b3-4dfa-86eb-5672003d4a5b/files/reef-trust-gully-erosion-programme-guidelines.pdf>

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Phase III - water quality package

Grant guidelines are at this link:

<https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/93399cbd-9a27-4702-ae42-6a8ac5d0e1cd/files/reef-trust-phase3-investment-applicant-guidelines.pdf>

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3. Total number of farmers in the GBR

From the records of the Paddock to Reef Integrated Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program (<http://www.reefplan.qld.gov.au/measuring-success/paddock-to-reef/>) there are approximately **5400 farmers and 8,500 graziers** in the Great Barrier Reef catchment regions

4. # of farmers engaged in Reef programs.

See table above

5. Reef Trust since 2016 election

**Expenditure** since the 2016 election (2016/17 financial year) - \$17.65 million

**Committed** since the 2016 election - \$1.150 million