Reef Rescue –
Second Phase 2013-2018

Reef Policy and Programs
SEWPaC, DAFF
Reef Rescue Delivery Model

Has proven to be a success achieving targets set out for the first phase. Key to this success has been:

- Devolved water quality grants, farm planning, training and extension
- Delivered by regional NRM’s, industry peak bodies
- A proven partnership approach is considered an excellent delivery model for NRM
- Investments prioritised based on water quality outcomes for the reef and guided by the best available scientific information and expert knowledge
Second phase of Reef Rescue

• Funding of $200 million
• To be delivered from July 2013 to June 2018
  • Continued focus on enhancing the reef’s resilience to climate change by focusing on improving the quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef
• Builds on the experiences of the first phase of Reef Rescue (2008-2013)
• Consists of a number of integrated parts
Reef Rescue 2013-2018

- Water Quality Grants and Partnerships: $98m
- Systems Repair and Urban Grants: $50m
- Crown of Thorns Starfish (COTS) Control: $21m
- Critical Operational Support for GBRMPA: $16m
- Land and Sea Country Partnerships: $10m
- Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting and R&D: $5m

Crown of Thorns Starfish (COTS) Control

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Water quality Grants and Partnerships

**Water Quality Grants**
- In 2013, funding has been contracted for the first three years of the second phase for ‘recipient run’ grants to implement improved management practices to improve the water quality entering the Great Barrier Reef.

**Water Quality Partnerships**
- In 2013, funding has been contracted for the first five years of the second phase for partnerships. This component will build on existing programs and networks to support the coordination and implementation of on-farm actions funded under the Water Quality Grants to improve the quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef.
Systems Repair and Urban Grants

In the first year of the second phase, funding has been provided to develop, update and integrate Water Quality Improvement Plans that help to improve the water quality entering the Great Barrier Reef.

Aimed at funding activities that improve the quality of water entering the Great Barrier Reef from urban and industrial areas and through improving the condition and extent of biodiverse native habitats.
Key support activities

- **Water quality monitoring and R&D**
  - Provides key data to inform reports, current and future policy, and continuous program improvement.

- **Critical operational support for GBRMPA**
  - Supports a range of activities including the Reef Guardians program and communication and engagement activities.

- **Land and Sea Country Partnerships**
  - Supports the engagement of Indigenous communities in traditional management of the reef.

- **Crown of Thorns control and R&D**
  - Supports a program of tactical management of COTS on high value reefs and R&D to improve management actions.
Next steps

• Make the results of science and economic indicators available to guide policy and prioritisation of investment
• Build on previous gains
• Engage end users and stakeholders early
• Share experiences and knowledge
• Coordinate all our efforts to optimise on funds and resources and avoid duplication
• Communicate effectively at all levels and particularly to attract new landholders, farmers and community groups.
Thank you