

On 29<sup>th</sup> May, the technical advisers to UNESCO's World Heritage Committee released their draft decision on the state of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, which concluded the Reef is not World Heritage "in danger".

The Australian and Queensland governments welcome the Great Barrier Reef draft decision for the World Heritage Committee's consideration. The draft decision is a reflection of our strong and decisive actions to protect the iconic Great Barrier Reef and our significant work to address the Committee's concerns.

The draft decision acknowledges the strong response that the Commonwealth and Queensland government have put in place through the development and implementation of the recently released Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan.

This includes the recent announcements of more than \$200 million in additional funding (\$100 million from each government) which brings the projected investment by both governments to well over \$2 billion dollars over the next decade.

The Great Barrier Reef is an incredibly diverse and rich environment – a maze of 3,000 coral reefs and 1,050 islands, stretching for more than 2,300 kilometres. It is already regarded as being among the best managed marine parks in the world and we are determined to keep it that way.

Read more about Australia's efforts to protect the Great Barrier Reef

<http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/gbr/protecting-the-reef>

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZITQFWLdBo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZITQFWLdBo)