

Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program

RRAP Intervention Risk Review Group

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Communique

The Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program Intervention Risk Review Group (IRRG) held its inception meeting online in November 2022, bringing the IRRG together as an expert group. The key role of the IRRG is to consider matters related to, and provide guidance and advice on, the assessment and management of Intervention Risk. Members of the IRRG are independent of RRAP (i.e. not otherwise involved in the Program) and were selected for their expertise which spans relevant disciplines.

The members of IRRG are Dr Sue Barrell (independent chairperson), Dr Michael Runge, Prof Hugh Possingham, Dr Melinda Coleman, Prof Morgan Pratchett, Prof Andrew Baker, Stephen Oxley, Dr Mary Allen, Dr Carly Kenkel, Prof Marissa Baskett, David Kudlak, and Dr Rachel Pears (ex officio role).

At this introductory meeting, each member provided an overview of their expertise and experience as relevant to the IRRG, and highlighted ways they contribute to relevant science, assessing risk and uncertainty, and/or support conservation decisions and risk management. Cedric Robillot (Executive Director of RRAP) presented an overview of the Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program (RRAP) including the interventions being explored. Julia Chandler (Director, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority) presented a reef manager's perspective on why the IRRG is important for responsible management of reef interventions being considered for the Great Barrier Reef, introduced Marine Park management arrangements, and noted current management interventions such as on islands.

The IRRG will use a structured and deliberative process to address the key focus areas, which are to:

- 1) review relevant risk-related outputs and knowledge being generated by RRAP researchers to address real and perceived risks, identify knowledge gaps and strategies to address such gaps (including research and modelling)
- 2) provide independent advice on some key intervention risk matters relevant to the currently funded RRAP research and development program.
- 3) assess and advise on residual risk and options for risk management – this will be aligned to consider priority deployment options at scale.

For more information on the [Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program](#), including the [intervention options](#), and the IRRG.

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