

Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program

RRAP Intervention Risk Review Group

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Communique

The Reef Restoration and Adaptation Program (RRAP) Intervention Risk Review Group held its second meeting online in February 2023.

This meeting provided an opportunity to introduce RRAP Program Director, Dr Ian McLeod, to the Group. Ian reinforced the important role of the Intervention Risk Review Group, highlighting also the process has been carefully designed to maintain the Group's independence. A focus will be on addressing key questions about intervention risk in a rigorous and pragmatic way.

The focus of this meeting was on planning for the first upcoming in-person workshop of the Intervention Risk Review Group, to be held in Townsville, Australia from 20th – 24th March 2023. The key role of the Group is to consider matters related to, and provide guidance and advice on, the assessment and management of Intervention Risk. The purpose of the March workshop is to bring the Group together to undertake the first steps in this overall process, specifically intervention risk identification and knowledge review work. The workshop will also provide an opportunity for members to learn more about the context for the Group's work on intervention risk, and the intervention methods being investigated under RRAP.

Members discussed the purpose, objectives, plans and processes for the March workshop, and provided some suggestions on ways to ensure workshop efficiency, shape a collaborative expert process and facilitate outputs. Several of the members of the Group opted-in to meet as a small group on 8th March 2023 to discuss and trial a risk mapping activity, to inform final plans for the workshop.

The overall risk review processes were also discussed, including the terms of reference. Importantly the Group clarified that their role was to provide advice on intervention risk and risk management, rather than recommendations about the acceptability of interventions.

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