

## The Healthy Waters Partnership for the Dry Tropics exists to....

Inform improved ecological, social, and economic outcomes of the region's waterways and Reef

We do this by developing an independent Report Card that collates monitoring data relating to....



Water Quality



Habitat



Litter



Stewardship



Economy



Social & Cultural Values

We use the report cards as a basis to....

Inform development of and progress towards meeting local targets and management objectives

Identify knowledge gaps and provide guidance on management priorities

Enhance the community's understanding of the health of local waterways and the Reef and associated management issues

Which will....

Enhance decision-making on management and investment for waterways and the Reef

Empower the community to make positive behaviour changes at home, work and recreation

With transparent and evidence-based decisions, appropriate levels of investment and an informed community, our vision is to see:

Improved ecological, social, and economic outcomes for the Dry Tropics region

Our local work is integrated with other Reef-related report cards and similar initiatives to....

Communicate performance towards the achievement of regional and Reef 2050 Plan targets and management objectives

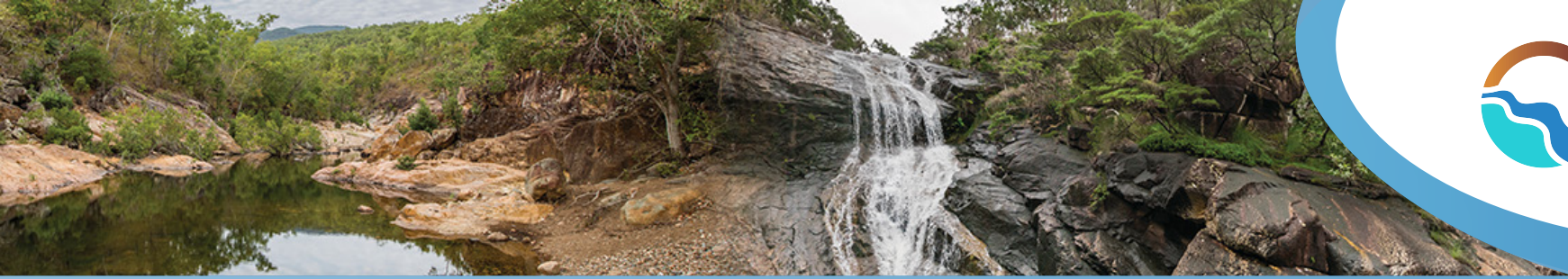
Provide advice and guidance on knowledge gaps and management priorities across the Reef and its catchment

Which will....

Positively influence the management of the region's waterways and Reef

We acknowledge the Bindal, Manbarra, Nywaigi and Wulgurukaba people as the Traditional Owners of the land and sea country of the Report Card Region.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



OUR VISION

# Healthy waterways, Reef and a thriving Dry Tropics community

OUR STRATEGIC  
OUTCOMES FOR  
2024-2025

**OUTCOME 1**      ENDURING PARTNERSHIP

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The Partnership is sustained by a strong and stable funding base, leadership, and partners who are committed to influencing positive change in the region.

**OUTCOME 2**      ROBUST REPORT CARD

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The Dry Tropics Report Card is part of a rigorous integrated monitoring and evaluation framework that informs the management of the region's waterways and ecosystems.

**OUTCOME 3**      ENGAGED COMMUNITY

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The Dry Tropics community actively uses the report card and the Partnership's science and collective knowledge to improve waterway and Reef health.

OUR PRIORITY  
STRATEGIES

- 1.1 The Partnership's reports and activities, including networking events, reflect individual needs and motivations of the members.
- 1.2 The communication, marketing and capacity building strategy of the Partnership aligns with agreed priorities and values of the members.
- 1.3 Maintain strong collaboration with other Great Barrier Reef Regional Report Card Partnerships to share learnings and collaborate on projects.
- 1.4 Conduct an annual organisational risk assessment and review professional development plans for all Partnership staff.
- 1.5 Confirm the spatial scope of the Report Card to ensure it reflects the needs of the Dry Tropics community and key stakeholders.

- 2.1 The Dry Tropics Report Card is produced annually and incorporates data that is available and of importance to Partners.
- 2.2 The Dry Tropics Report Card is embedded within a regionally integrated monitoring and assessment framework for freshwater, estuarine, and marine waters.
- 2.3 Data automation and visualisation is improved to enhance content management and communication.
- 2.4 Priority management actions are identified and included in key regional strategies, such as the regional Water Quality Improvement Plan.

- 3.1 Ensure that the Dry Tropics Report Card and associated communication products highlight information and initiatives that relate to community concerns and values.
- 3.2 Enhance cross-collaboration between the five Great Barrier Reef regional report card partnerships and other key stakeholders to develop and share consistent key messages on waterway and Reef health issues.
- 3.3 A communication, marketing and capacity building strategy is in place that identifies community priorities and concerns to inform and enhance the Partnership's report card and initiatives.

HOW WE WILL  
MEASURE AND TRACK  
OUR PERFORMANCE

- INDICATORS OF PROGRESS**
- Awareness of both the Dry Tropics Partnership and the Regional report cards continues to increase among key stakeholders.
  - The stakeholders of the Partnership are increasingly viewing and using the Report Card and associated communication products.

- INDICATORS OF PROGRESS**
- The Dry Tropics Report Card is regularly reviewed by the Independent Science Panel and uses credible data from well established monitoring programs.
  - The Dry Tropics Report Card is used to influence management actions that make a substantial improvement to waterway health.

- INDICATORS OF PROGRESS**
- Maintain adequate funding so that key products and activities are delivered.
  - Partners maintain their membership and actively contribute their time and resources.
  - The Partnership continues to grow and involve representatives from each of the key sectors within the region.