

Question on Notice

No. 411

Asked on Wednesday, 22 April 2026

HON L LINARD ASKED MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON A POWELL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the improvement of water quality in the Great Barrier Reef—

Will the Minister advise (a) the progress of the development of the Reef 2050 Catchment Water Quality Strategy that is intended to replace the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan, noting that public consultation closed on 19 November 2025 and (b) when the Reef Water Quality Report Card assessing projects completed from July 2023 to June 2025 will be released?

ANSWER:

- (a) The joint Australian and Queensland Governments *Reef 2050 Catchment Water Quality Strategy 2026* was released on 15 May 2026 following an extensive review and consultation process with communities, industry, landholders, Traditional Owners, and scientific experts.
- (b) The next Reef Water Quality Report Card, covering the period July 2022 to June 2025, is on track for completion before the UNESCO World Heritage Committee meets in July 2026.