

Reef Assist 2.0 program

Now calling for funding applications: Invitation to Offer

The \$23.5 million Reef Assist program (the program) delivers priority environmental projects and creates regional jobs for Queenslanders in the Great Barrier Reef.

The Queensland Government is investing another \$10 million into the program for Reef Assist 2.0, which is estimated to generate around 225 more regional jobs. The program aims to create immediate jobs and training opportunities to deliver priority land management projects that reduce sediment and nutrient loads within waterways in the Great Barrier Reef catchment.

Among other things, the program incorporates the development of cultural heritage for Traditional Owners and First Nations people through working on Country, Indigenous elder mentoring and cultural land management practices (for example, cultural burning, seed collection and planting of culturally-significant plant species associated with wetlands or the riparian zone).

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Eligible organisations are now invited to apply for funding under the Reef Assist 2.0 program for environmental projects that improve water quality in Reef catchments with a strong focus on generating jobs.

The department welcomes projects that deliver co-benefits in addition to water quality outcomes, particularly:

- skills development, training and job opportunities for unemployed, underemployed, youth or First Nations people
- on-ground environmental outcomes
- generating local business economic activities
- increasing roles in existing environmental management and/or ranger programs that build connection to Country by providing opportunities to work on Country.

For more information, including details on the eligibility criteria, please visit <u>QTender</u> - DES122720. **Applications close at 2pm on Tuesday 30 August 2022**.

An online supplier briefing will be held at **9.30am on Friday 5 August 2022** via ZOOM. Suppliers must register to attend this briefing by emailing <u>procurementdes@des.qld.gov.au</u> by **5pm on Wednesday 3 August 2022.**



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