



Policy Statement:

Reef Trust Partnership (RTP) projects' support for Australian Industry

1 Introduction

In 2018, the Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF) received a Commonwealth grant from the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to achieve significant, measurable improvement in the health of the Great Barrier Reef, referred to as the Reef Trust Partnership (RTP). The duration of this agreement is from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2024. As the coordinator of the RTP, the GBRF is committed to working, where it is fair and reasonable, with all Australian Industry to fulfil the objectives of this agreement.

The GBRF has collaborated with the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources to embed regulations and guidelines from the Australian Industry Participation (AIP) National Framework within relevant RTP project policies and processes where this can maximise Australian Industry participation for major projects.

The RTP is a portfolio of work delivered collaboratively via the GBRF for the benefit of the Great Barrier Reef. We are committed to working via our partner networks to ensure we can identify and develop options to ensure full, fair and reasonable opportunities are provided for Australian Industry. Our commitment to Australian Industry is summarised by our guiding principles noted in our Policy Statement below.

2 Policy Statement

1. This policy statement applies to organisations working with the GBRF to deliver the project objectives identified within the Reef Trust Partnership.
2. Our work in delivering the objectives of the RTP aligns with the principles outlined in the Australian Industry Participation (AIP) National Framework; where it is both applicable and mutually agreed. The GBRF AIP Statement will be included in tender documents and also made available on the GBRF website.
3. It is not our desire or design to pass on an unreasonable administrative burden to our Australian Industry partner network given the lean administration costs we and our partners operate with in order to deliver on Reef and related community outcomes.
4. The GBRF encourages as a first preference full, fair and reasonable opportunities being provided to Australian Industry, in the development and implementation of the RTP project workings.
5. GBRF RTP projects adopt fair and, where it is reasonable, information flows that support the project engagements, delivery and implementation with consideration as to how Australian Industry may be utilised to maximise and achieve outcomes.
6. The GBRF RTP project opportunities will promote Australian Industry competitiveness through open tenders and expression of interests as a first preference over using the purchasing preferences of State/Territory purchasing arrangements; making them free of interstate preferences.
7. Our projects support working and developing partnerships with communities and industry to meet challenges in regional Australia; supporting regional development.
8. Our project proponents consider Australian Industry in terms of the value for money it offers over the lifecycle of the project, including supply chain partnerships, access to a technologically literate, skilled and talented workforce supporting business infrastructure – immediately and ongoing.
9. Our project governance processes across the lifecycle of the project promote a spirit of transparency and inform policy, processes and commercial dealings.
10. The GBRF looks forward to working with Australian Industry and with the open potential to facilitate and collaborate with strategic joint ventures or alliances globally that benefit the Great Barrier Reef and its associated communities regionally.



3 References

- For further information, refer to <https://www.industry.gov.au/regulations-and-standards/australian-industry-participation>

4 Authorisation

Table 1: Date of authorisations

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Table 2: Details of version approvals and amendments

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