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NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY

The Coalition Government has today released its response to the Independent Review of Governance of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, accepting all 24 recommendations to further strengthen the Authority and position it to best meet the significant challenges facing the Great Barrier Reef.

A key part of the response is to create a separate Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer for the Authority. The board will also be supplemented with one additional part-time member and a broader range of skills and expertise.

A formal process using a new skills matrix will be developed to guide the recruitment of all board members – including the Chairperson and CEO – and will reflect Government policy on gender equity on boards.

“The Coalition Government is committed to the preservation and management of the Great Barrier Reef – a commitment made all the more important by the recent challenges facing the Reef,” said the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Minister for the Environment and Energy.

“Our response to this Review will ensure that the Authority is best placed to continue its important work with reef users, business, research and government and non-government partners.”

“It builds on a strong record of Coalition Government support for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, recently demonstrated by the commitment of \$124 million of funding over 10 years.”

The Independent Review report, released on 5 October 2017, offered recommendations that aim to build on the governance of the Authority and take steps to further strengthen the organisation.

The Government will immediately move to implement key actions, starting by bringing forward amendments to the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.

The Government’s full response is available on the Department’s website:
<http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/gbr/authority-governance-review>

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