1. The Reef Water Quality Protection Plan (Reef Plan) launched in 2003 was a 10-year joint Australian and Queensland government commitment to halting and reversing the decline in water quality entering the Great Barrier Reef lagoon. Its objectives were to reduce pollutants such as sediments, nutrients and pesticides in waterways flowing to the Reef and to rehabilitate and conserve areas of the catchment important to Reef water quality which play an important role in removing water borne pollutants.
2. A 2005 report to the Prime Minister, and the then Premier, on the implementation of the Reef Plan indicated that while satisfactory progress had been made, a number of actions were required to ensure the plan met its goals. A key recommendation of the report was that the Queensland and Australian Governments recommit to the Reef Plan and publicly launch a refreshed Reef Plan.
3. The updated Reef Plan is a more strategically focused plan that identifies the three priority work areas and the 11 actions that will be undertaken to achieve the 2013 goal and objectives.
4. Cabinet endorsed the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2009.
5. Cabinet approved public release of the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2009.
6. *Attachments*
* [Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2009](Attachments/reef-plan-2009.pdf)