

Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership (GHHP) Independent Science Panel (ISP)

Chair's report from ISP meeting #5 held on 31 October 2013, Gladstone

The objectives of the meeting were to provide ISP members with an update on GHHP activities, develop the outline for the Report Card Framework recommendation including the approach to selecting indicators for social and economic aspects of harbour health, review the Report Card Review final report and progressed the conceptual modelling project.

At the start of the meeting the ISP discussed the future operations of the ISP, including update Terms of Reference and amendments to ISP operations. These will be forwarded to the GHHP for their consideration and endorsement. ISP member COI declarations were updated as required and there were no COI declarations for this meeting.

Significant progress was made on the Report Card Recommendation and the Modelling project. However, the key output from the meeting was the ISP's review of the final report from the Report Card Review undertaken by Griffith University. The aim of the project is to review how report cards have been used to communicate the results of aquatic ecosystem-health monitoring programs around the world including program frameworks, indicators, resources, communication strategies and links with management. The ISP comments will be provided to the project team for their consideration and we expect to finalise the report at our next meeting. It will then be make publicly available.

The next ISP meeting is scheduled for the 9 December 2013.