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Reef Catchments announces restructure for a changing funding landscape.

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A decrease in funding for Natural Resource Management in the Mackay Whitsunday Isaac Region has led to a restructure decision by the Reef Catchments Board. The announcement today confirms a restructure of operations to manage the business through these changes effective Monday 4th September 2017.

Katrina Dent, former Operations Manager has been appointed to a newly created role of General Manager and Sally Young, former Corporate Shared Services Manager will take on the role of Business Manager.

Responsibilities of the CEO role, formerly held by Rob Cocco, for 10 years will be shared between the two new positions. Reef Catchments Board and staff acknowledge Mr Cocco's contribution to the organisation, his advocacy for funding to protect the Great Barrier Reef and his commitment to continual improvement to agricultural practices.

Reef Catchments Chair of the Board, Julie Boyd said, "We are taking measures to ensure a strong business model for the delivery of essential management of Natural Resources in our region."

"Katrina has managed the operations of Reef Catchments for the past two years following planning roles in state and local government. We are confident in her leadership to deliver government funded programs and seek both philanthropic and business partnerships for a new direction."

Katrina Dent said, "A changing funding landscape necessitates being open and agile for new opportunities. The team are driven to ensure our regional natural resources are enhanced and protected as well as supporting sustainable economic development."

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