



Great Barrier
Reef Foundation

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Letter to the Editor – Daily Telegraph

The Great Barrier Reef Foundation wants to correct three issues raised in relation to our attendance at a global conference on ocean conservation next week (Liberal MPs demand Prime Minister Scott Morrison replace Malcolm Turnbull in Bali, October 25th, 2018).

The Foundation will not spend \$80 million on administrative costs under the \$443 million Reef Trust Partnership.

There is a strict condition of the grant agreement mandating a cap on administrative costs, and we will keep costs to less than 10 percent.

Nor is a single cent of the \$443 million being used for our staff member to attend. All costs related to their travel and attendance are being met separately.

And nor is the project we will be announcing being funded by the Reef Trust Partnership.

The project relates to a separate collaboration to address the impact of climate change on coral reefs – and which reinforces our unique capacity to build alliances across the science, research, corporate and community sectors.

It will also underline our focus on building the next generation of ideas that can sustain precious reef ecosystems.

Regards

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