

# Reef Extension Program

The Commonwealth Government is helping the banana industry to improve its soil and nutrient management by providing funding for the delivery of new extension services to growers in the Wet Tropics and Cape York.

It is easy and FREE to access extension services available as part of the Reef Extension Program (REP). The only criteria for participation is that you must have completed your BMP Self-assessment checklist and that this identifies an opportunity to improve your on-farm nutrient and soil management practices.

Thanks to the Commonwealth Government funding, the Australian Banana Growers' Council (ABGC) can offer growers through REP:

- small group or individual extension services
- access to grants
- the chance to run innovation trials to validate "cutting edge" practices

All of these activities must target sediment and nutrient management practices.



## BetterBunch

The banana industry also has access to the BetterBunch app – a new approach to electronic record keeping.

Like REP, access to the BetterBunch app is free and available upon the completion of your BMP checklist.

The REP will use the BMP checklist and the BetterBunch app to help improve Reef water quality and boost productivity.

If you want to access the extension support or if you have an idea that you think could make a big difference to the way the industry currently farms, the extension team is keen to hear from you.

For further information on the REP and to discuss your options contact:

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