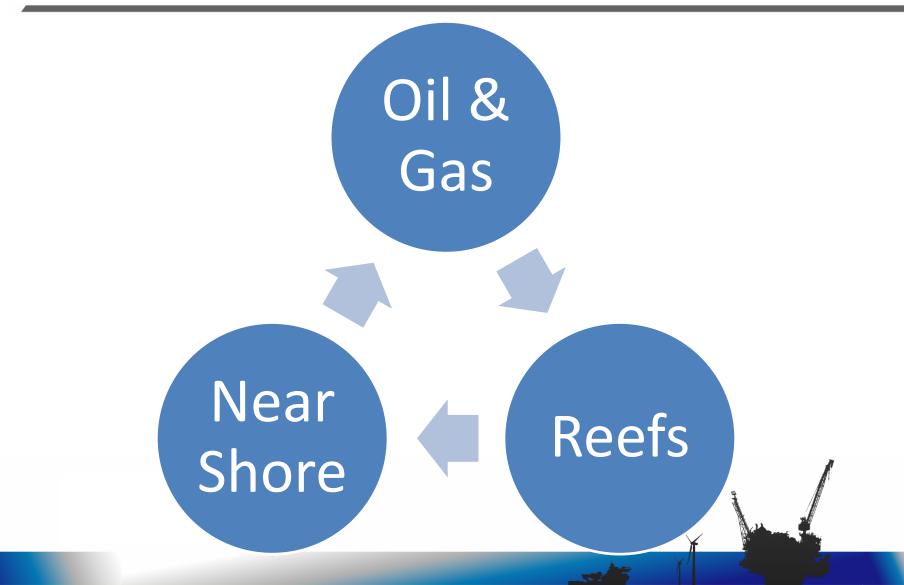


#### Hooked on Reefs

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## Agenda: Cross-Industry Innovation



## What is an Offshore Artificial Reef?

Any man made structure designed to create a habitat for marine life or effect currents and wave action.

# Why Build an OAR?

- Fish habitat
- High quality fishing
- Positive infrastructure
- Replenishment
- Compensation



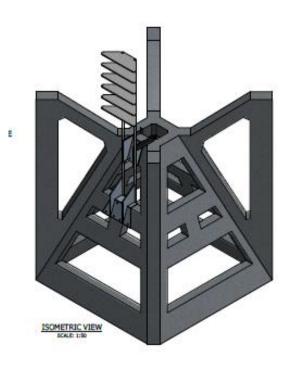
#### Engineering Connections – "Reef Style"

What have the wing tip of a Boeing 737, the Pyramids of Giza, UWA and horse hair plaster got to do with artificial reef design?



# Key Features of a great reef

- Recruitment vs production
- Crypted spaces to accommodate smaller species
- Tall vertical relief to attract pelagic fish
- Flow modification
- Field layout for Halo effect



# The Crypt

We started with a pyramid:

It was the perfect cave

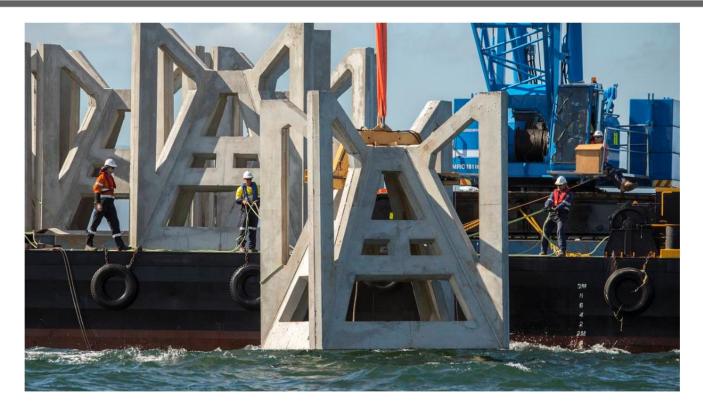


- Light and shade promotes marine fauna
- Openings sized for bait fish, demersals, divers and pelagic species





## **Vertical Relief**



- Attracts pelagic species
- Reef for any environment

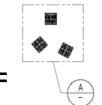
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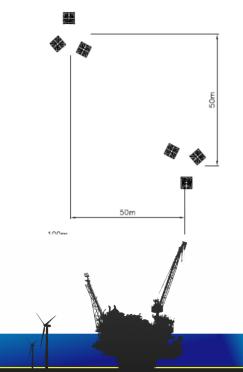
# Field Layout

- Halo effects circa 50m
- Fishabilty
- Overall volume = productivity = 800m3
  - We've been able to double the volume to 1600m3









#### Then we had to fab our crazy shape!





# Turns out building these from steel reinforced concrete is really hard!

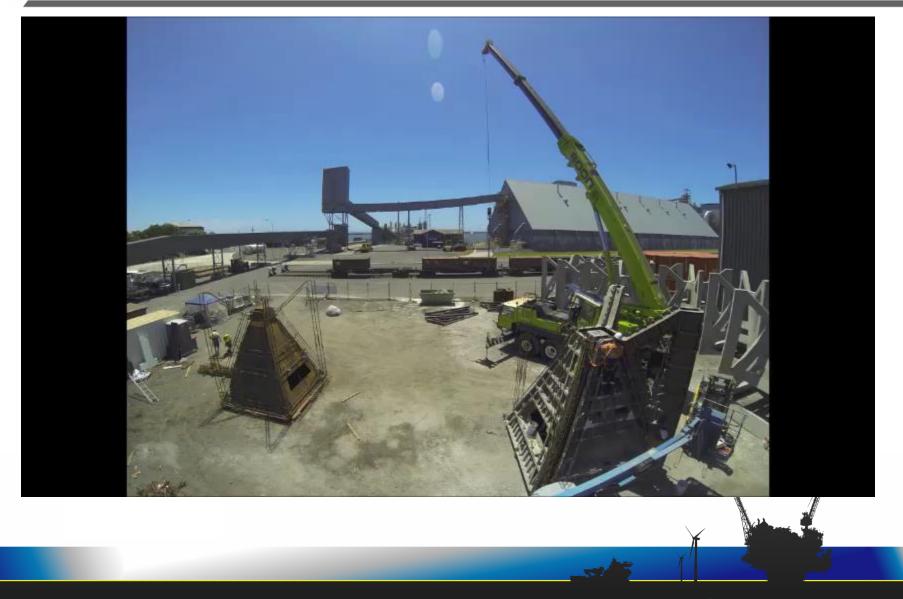
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 So we redesigned the reef using fibre reinforcing and reduced the cost of fabrication.





#### **Fabrication - Video**



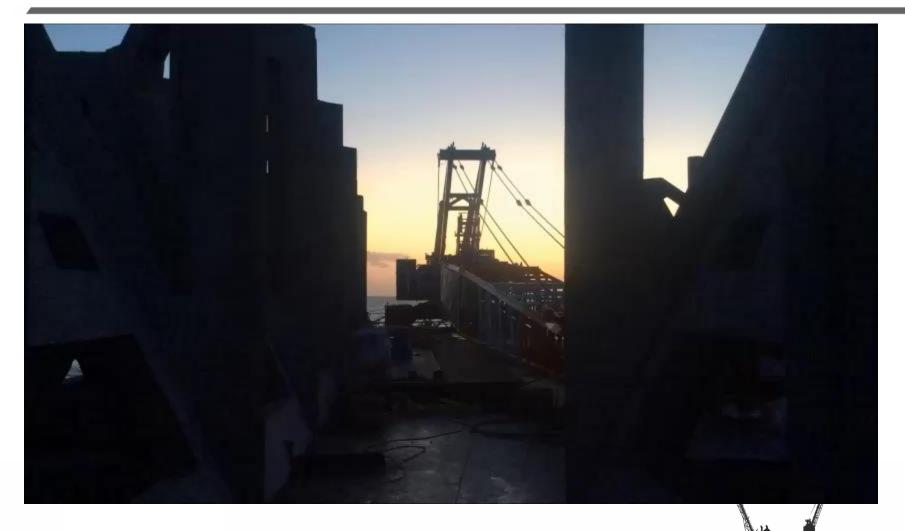
## Installation

- Weather sensitive
- Hydraulic tools faster operations and hands free lifting
- dGPS positioning



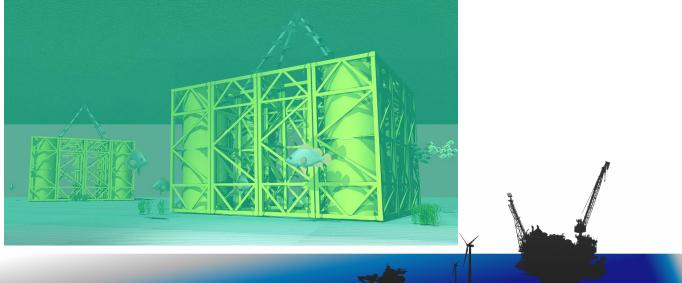


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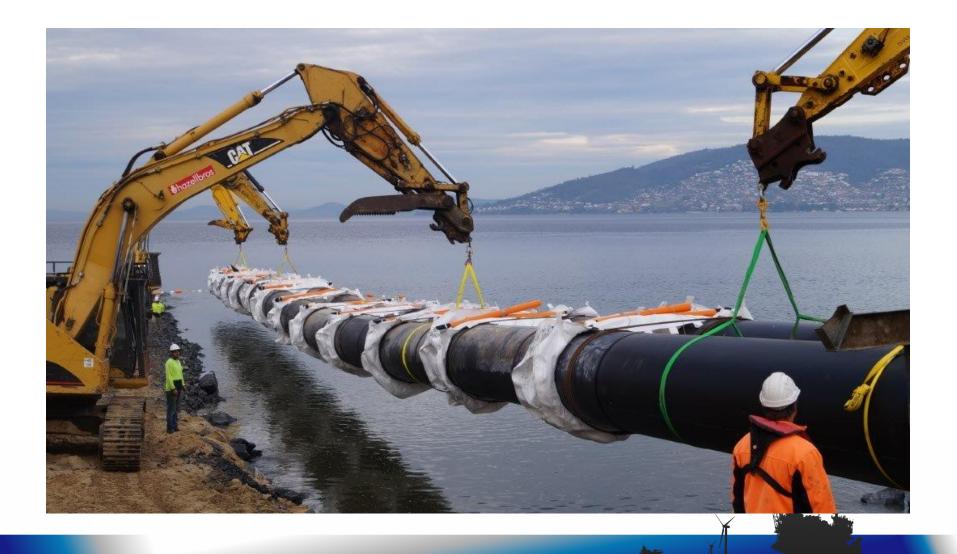


#### What's Next...



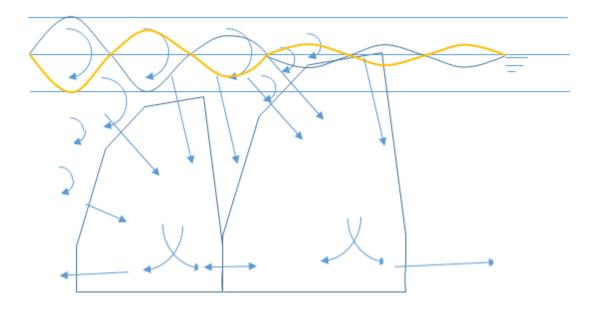


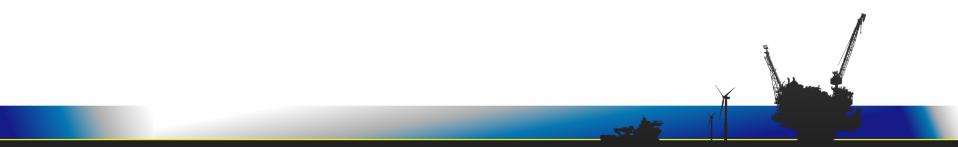
#### **Application to Coastal**



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#### Wave attenuation





# Application to Oil and Gas

#### Fibre reinforced concrete

- cheaper fabrication
- design and construction of extremely complex concrete structures previously not possible
- Lifting without steel
- greatly extended design lives (100 years +)



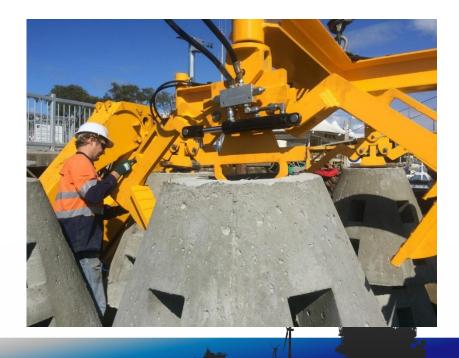


## Application to Oil and Gas

#### Lifting Tools

- used in New Caledonia
- potential for use on recovery of questionable structures





## Questions?

