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## 7.30 Special: The Reef

Begins on air August 20th at 7.30pm on ABC TV and iView

In a 3-part special, guest reporter Peter Greste takes a look at the Great Barrier Reef to see how damaged it really is and what - if anything - can be done to save it.

*"I predicted that by 2015 the carbon dioxide levels would be so high that it would cause bleaching practically every year."* Charlie Veron, Marine Biologist

*"How did it feel to be right?"* Peter Greste, Reporter

*"It felt horrible to be right. It turned out to be much worse than those predictions."* Charlie Veron, Marine Biologist

7.30 speaks with the world's foremost coral experts to investigate whether the damage done to the reef can be reversed.

*"I do believe we will have a healthy coral reef in thirty or fifty years time if we deal with climate change."* Terry Hughes, Biologist

*"It's really important that we don't paint the Great Barrier Reef as dead. It's not dead...but if we don't take really firm action it will be."* Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, Director of Global Change Institute

While almost half a billion dollars of funding for the reef continues to be hotly debated, according to people who live and work in the region, everyone has a part to play.

*"It's an all hands on deck moment, we need everybody around the table."* Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, Director of Global Change Institute

ABC 7.30's Great Barrier Reef special airs over three nights, beginning on Monday 20 August on ABC at 7.30pm. Also available on iView.

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