'Terraced house' for corals

A reef structure was lowered into the waters off Small Sister's Island yesterday. The structure allows corals to take root and grow naturally on its surface, and also provides nooks and crannies within which fish and other marine life may take shelter.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of reef structures that will be lowered in the waters off Small Sister's Island by the end of the year

10m Approximate height of the tiered structure

Self weight with steel anchor pins

eliminate the need for piling, minimising disruption to the seabed

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DESIGN AND PURPOSE OF STRUCTURAL PARTS

Fibreglass panels

Increase the surface and encrusting areas for corals

Fibreglass pipes with concrete substrate

Increase sheltered areas and niches for fishes

Concrete structure with rough or uneven surfaces Makes the surface texture favourable for corals and encrusting species Mimics a natural coral reef habitat

> NOTE: Not drawn to scale.