



NRAR Board meeting - Minutes

MEETING	NRAR Board meeting		
MEETING NO.	No.26	DATE	13 November 2019
LOCATION	SydneyMLC-L48-Kingfisher Meeting Room	TIME	12:00 pm – 5.30pm
BOARD INVITEES	Craig Knowles (Chair), Ilona Millar (member), Bruce Brown (member)		
NRAR INVITEES	Greg Abood (A/g Chief Regulatory Officer), Russell Johnston (Executive Officer), Sharon Ryan (A/g Board Secretariat & EA to Chief Regulatory Officer)		
OTHER INVITEES	Listed next to relevant agenda item		

Agenda Item	Notes
Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of 9 October were adopted as a true and accurate account No declarations of a conflict of interest. Out Of Session paper formally endorsed Board papers to be circulated no later than Friday prior to meeting date
Flood Plain Harvesting (FPH) Invitees: Ryan Shepherd / Dan Connor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FPH update CMC meeting feedback to be provided by Dan to Board next month Consultation to be dealt with Out of Session in January 2020. Board paper - Noted
Mining - General update on current matters Invitee: Kirsty Ruddock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board noted progress on current investigations
Prosecutions Update Invitee: Kirsty Ruddock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two out of session papers yet to be circulated One paper for out of session consideration in coming weeks The Board approved the recommendations in all matters brought before it for decision.
Interim Inspector General of Murray-Darling Basin Water Resources Invitee: Mick Keelty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board expressed its congratulations on new appointment. The Board offered its support to the office in general and advised Mr Keelty's staff to reach out if anything was needed over the establishment phase. Mr Keelty agreed to receiving a briefing on NRARs IPART submission and providing feedback, and requested a full briefing on metering roll-out and associated telemetry considerations. The Board and inspector General will have bi-annual meetings on the books and ad-hoc as required.

<p>Matrix report- Licensing & Approvals - continuous improvements</p> <p>Invitee: Vickie Chatfield/ Graeme White</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Chatfield provided update on papers provided • The Board made suggestions for Duty Officer System and congratulated Vickie, Graeme and team on the initial progress achieved. • The Board noted the improved performance statistics presented in the non-financial reporting.
<p>Privacy and security of information held by NRAR</p> <p>Invitees: Sheree Jones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jones presented outline of paper provided requesting that the Board note that we have relied on the DPIE DSG group and that current practices comply with established workplace surveillance policies. • The Board endorsed the creation of a privacy specific platform for NRAR, with appropriate comms/training to be rolled out to all staff.
<p>IPART - Draft Business Case + Pricing Submission</p> <p>Invitee: Tim Gilbert</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board acknowledged the work done by Tim and his IPART team • The Board agrees in principle to a combined submission with DPIE, retaining the option to separate if future circumstances require.
<p>WRT Update</p> <p>Invitee: Emma Solomon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Solomon provided update on Barwon Darling WSP. • Metering: Minister Pavey approved change of commencement dates, to be formalised by regulation. • Discussion around collaboration between NRAR, DPIE and Interim Inspector General MDB WR on telemetry. • Discussion around where taskforce roles will sit once disbanded. • Environmental water – finish consultation, getting ready for submission.
<p>WSP/WRP Update - Govt Response to NRC Review of B-D WSP</p> <p>Invitee: Vanessa O'Keefe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms O'Keefe advised that work is on track for water sharing plans currently under consideration. • 2020 focus will be focused on building complementary license conditions.
<p>Budget brief update</p> <p>- Bruce Brown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided on meeting with CSP where service offering was outlined and commitment provided to build new financial governance framework for NRAR. • Board was presented with monthly finance report and advice was provided on some additional breakdown of figures to present month-to-date information and Opex forecasting.
<p>General Business Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/g CRO provided a paper for the Board: • NRAR media releases provide insight that NRAR is active in many regions/compliance activities at once. Several rolling proactive campaigns currently afoot to investigate and educate landowners. • Stakeholder engagement sessions – CRO guest speaker at G-REG conference this month. • MDBA accidental release of paper handled swiftly with NRAR support to IIG MDB WR investigation. • Strategic Risk register – little changes noted • Professor Sparrow - engagement as follow up to last year successful in education and team unity. • Non-financial report • WHS – outline fo recent Incident involving inspector in Tamworth. • WHS – reporting has improved • Next month focus on FBP completion; Leaders Forum, whole of NRAR Branch Day

<p>Forward scheduling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 December - Proposed scheduling of meetings on 3rd Wednesday of each month commencing February 2020. - Discuss potential regional meetings for February –3 days - March 2 day stakeholder meeting <p>Potential locations- Moree ; Barwon-Darling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Board meeting date change suggested to 13 December. • The Board supportive of 3rd Wednesday Board meetings subject to the Chair's availability. • Dates requested for potential Feb and March Board meetings. • Include: North for regional visit, potentially engaged with IIG MDB WR.
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New/Continuing action items following meeting	Person responsible	Due date
Brief Bruce Brown on NRAR finances outside of Board meeting schedule	Chief Regulatory Officer / Board Secretariat	monthly
Formal budget package, including revenues, expenses and reporting against key objectives	Board Secretariat	Once available
Report back on strategic options to address how NRAR can fully meet its monitoring & audit obligations.	Chief Regulatory Officer	Once available
Advice on the forward-contract nature of agricultural commodities to better understand the implications for compliance.	Chief Regulatory Officer	Once available

Next meeting
Friday 13 December

