



NRAR Board meeting - Minutes

MEETING	NRAR Board meeting		
MEETING NO.	No.19	DATE	10 April 2019
LOCATION	Sydney MLC – L48 Kingfisher	TIME	12.30pm – 5.00pm
BOARD INVITEES	Craig Knowles (Chair), Ilona Millar (member), Bruce Brown (member)		
NRAR INVITEES	Grant Barnes (Chief Regulatory Officer), Russell Johnston (Executive Officer), Ryan Lynn (Senior Project Officer)		
OTHER INVITEES	Listed next to relevant agenda item		

Agenda Item	Notes
Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of March meeting were confirmed.</li> <li>No declarations of a conflict of interest.</li> </ul>
General Business Update	<p>CRO Grant Barnes updated the Board on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>his recent trip accompanying the Minister to meet with stakeholders in western NSW. It is anticipated NRAR will formally meet with the Minister post-Easter.</li> <li>s324 Embargo in the Namoi, and improvements required between involved agencies to effectively communicate changes to conditions with water users.</li> <li>legacy case project, with a review being completed that will be presented to the Board in May/June.</li> <li>WHS reporting and work being undertaken to mitigate and manage risk of driver fatigue for field staff.</li> </ul>
Regulatory Priorities <i>Invitee: Kaia Hodge (Director Innovation)</i>	The Board endorsed the Regulatory Priorities presented by Ms Hodge for publishing and confirmed its desire for a strong communication strategy to be developed to accompany their release.
Legal Matters <i>Invitee: Kirsty Ruddock (Director WET)</i>	Two legal matters were considered (confidential).
Strategic Risk Register <i>Invitee: Tim Gilbert (Director Capability &amp; Coordination)</i>	Mr Gilbert tabled an updated risk register including risks identified by the Board in March. The Board were advised that further work is required on an updated risk control plan. The Board requested work be undertaken to translate strategic risk document into a document that makes operational risks clear for staff.
Public Register <i>Invitee: Tim Gilbert (Director Capability &amp; Coordination)</i>	Mr Gilbert presented the public register that has been developed for transparent publishing of NRARs compliance actions. The Board were advised that at this time only court outcomes will be published, but subject to the development of further regulations other compliance actions may be published in future.
DOI Water Update <i>Invitee: Rachel Connell (Executive Director Water)</i>	Ms Connell provided a general update for the Board, including on progression of WRPs, Floodplain Harvesting, and stakeholder engagements on recent trip with Minister Pavey. Agreement was reached on regular attendance of Ms Connell in future Board meetings, and DOI Water supporting a comprehensive briefing on floodplain harvesting for the Board.
NRAR Engagement in NRC WRP Review <i>Invitee: Graeme White (Director Operations West)</i>	Mr White provided an overview for the Board on NRAR's engagement to date with the NRC as part of their review into the Barwon-Darling WSP.

<p>Technology Overview</p> <p><i>Invitee: Michael Storey (Managing Director, Isle Utilities), Kaia Hodge (Director Innovation)</i></p>	<p>Mr Storey presented to the NRAR Board on new and emerging technologies. The Board discussed ways in which technology solutions could capture and process information in a way that could support improved compliance outcomes.</p>
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<b>New/Continuing action items following meeting</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Due date</b>
Information session – Water use in mines	Director WET	May
WHS Briefing – discussion with staff	Board Secretariat	May
Floodplain harvesting	Board Secretariat	May
New Minister’s Office	Executive Officer	May
Information on best practice budget allocation – proactive education/prevention compared to reactive investigations	Program Lead Risk-Based Regulation	May/June
Legacy Case Review	Director Operations East	May/June
Strategic Risk Register – Risk Control Plan	Director Capability & Coordination	June
Operational Risk document	Director Capability & Coordination	June

**Next meeting**

Wednesday 1 May