



<b>MEETING</b>	NRAR Board meeting		
<b>MEETING NO.</b>	No.9	<b>DATE</b>	30 May 2018
<b>LOCATION</b>	Level 48 Kingfisher room	<b>TIME</b>	1.00pm – 4.00pm
<b>BOARD INVITEES</b>	Craig Knowles (Chair), Ilona Millar (member), Bruce Brown (member)		
<b>NRAR INVITEES</b>	Kirsty Ruddock (A/Chief Regulatory Officer), Kaia Hodge (Director Regulatory Innovation), Daniel Blacker (Director NRAR Services & Operations), Irene Zinger (A/Director Regional Water Regulation–East), Russell Johnston (Executive Officer), Ryan Lynn (Senior Project Officer)		
<b>OTHER INVITEES</b>	Listed next to relevant agenda item		
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Grant Barnes (Chief Regulatory Officer) Tim Gilbert (Director Regulatory Capability & Coordination) Greg Abood (Director Regional Water Regulation–East) Graeme White (Director Regional Water Regulation – West)		
<b>PREPARED BY</b>	Ryan Lynn (Senior Project Officer)		

### Previous meeting

Action items arising from 16 May meeting	Person responsible	Notes
Review Legal Model and report on potential external legal options for future prosecutions	Kirsty Ruddock	Continuing
Ongoing reporting to the Board on NRAR budget position	Daniel Blacker	Ongoing
Reporting templates for regular publishing of compliance activity	Russell Johnston	12 June meeting
Provide updates to the Board as required on WaterNSW prosecutions not moving across to NRAR	Kirsty Ruddock	One further matter to come to the Board in next month

### This meeting

Agenda Item	Notes
Confirm Minutes Declaration of conflict of interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of 20 April 2018 were confirmed.</li> <li>No declarations of conflicts of interest.</li> </ul>
Compliance Activity Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board were provided with an update on property inspections and investigations that have taken place in properties around Tabulam, Yamba, Gundurimba, Burringbar, Blayney, Albury, the Barwon and Namoi Valleys and along the Murrumbidgee river.</li> <li>The continued presence of NRAR Investigators to support the shepherding of environmental flows relating to the North Connectivity Event was noted.</li> <li>The Board were updated on the continued progress of NRAR Investigators in resolving legacy cases inherited from WaterNSW on NRAR's inception.</li> </ul>
Current Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board were provided an update on recruitment for Senior Investigator roles.</li> <li>The Board noted current advertisements for Water Regulation Officer, Senior Water Regulation Officer and Regional Manager Water Regulation to support increasing the regulatory presence of NRAR.</li> </ul>
Water Pilot Technology Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaia Hodge provided an overview of the Water Pilot Technology Program led by the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that value may exist for NRAR in some applications unsuccessful through the grants process. The Board requested more information on technology that could benefit NRAR.</li> </ul>
Prosecutions update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board considered two matters for prosecution, and recommended to proceed to prosecution with both matters (confidential).</li> <li>An update was provided on investigations being finalised that will soon be brought before the Board for decision (confidential).</li> </ul>
Update – Policy/legislative reforms Additional attendees: Emma Solomon (Group Director Water Renewal Taskforce), Shagofta Ali (Principal Policy Officer)	<p>Emma Solomon, Group Director – Water Renewal Taskforce, provided an update on the water legislative amendment package, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>outline of major features</li> <li>timeframes for introduction to parliament and debates</li> <li>detailed briefing on the new metering requirements</li> </ul> <p>The Board provided advice on the legislative amendments and how they can support compliance and improve outcomes for water users in NSW.</p>
NSW Farmers Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apologies received from NSW Farmers Federation who were unable to attend.</li> <li>Invitation extended to NSW Farmers Federation to attend a future Board meeting.</li> </ul>
Other matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that Chief Regulatory Officer Grant Barnes will provide an address at the MDA Annual Conference on 29 August.</li> <li>It was noted that Board Chair Craig Knowles will provide an address at the All SAP Workshop on 5 June.</li> <li>The Board noted recent/ongoing NRAR stakeholder engagement with NSW Ombudsman, EDO and NSW Irrigators Council.</li> <li>The Board requested an update on the branding and external communication of NRAR.</li> <li>The Board requested an update on the Floodplain Harvesting Questionnaire currently being administered and intended use of data captured.</li> </ul>

<b>New/Continuing action items following meeting</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Due date</b>
Review Legal Model and report on potential external legal options for future prosecutions	Kirsty Ruddock	12 June meeting
Ongoing reporting to the Board on NRAR budget position	Daniel Blacker	Ongoing
Reporting templates for regular publishing of compliance activity	Russell Johnston	12 June meeting
Information on Water Technology Pilot Program applications and technology that can benefit NRAR	Kaia Hodge	12 June meeting
Update on the Floodplain Harvesting Questionnaire	Graeme White / Geoff Cameron	12 June meeting
Update on the branding of NRAR	Grant Barnes	12 June meeting

### **Next meeting**

Tuesday 12 June – 12.00pm