



NRAR Board meeting - Minutes

MEETING	NRAR Board meeting		
MEETING NO.	No.28	DATE	12 February 2020
LOCATION	Harrington St Sydney	TIME	12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
BOARD INVITEES	Craig Knowles (Chair), Ilona Millar (member), Bruce Brown (member)		
NRAR INVITEES	Grant Barnes (Chief Regulatory Officer), Russell Johnston (Executive Officer), Sharon Ryan (A/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"> <li>Minutes of December meeting were adopted as a true and accurate account with minor edits made</li> <li>No declarations of a conflict of interest</li> <li>Annual Board Declarations of interest to be circulated out of session</li> </ul>
CRO Performance Review – half year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board met in private to discuss CRO Grant Barnes' 2019/20 Mid-year Performance Review</li> <li>On track and continuing to perform as expected, no major issues identified</li> </ul>
CRO Update – General Business	<p>CRO Grant Barnes provided a paper for the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted recent NRAR media releases and interviews</li> <li>Presenting at NSWIC General meeting in March and attending Board meeting on April with Bruce.</li> <li>Budget Estimates preparations underway for February hearings.</li> <li>Non-financial report</li> <li>WHS near miss</li> </ul>
Prosecutions Update Invitee: Kirsty Ruddock Papers provided - For decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 matters were presented to the Board</li> <li>The Board resolved to adopt recommendations as presented and to consider advice received to deal with limitation either by extraordinary meeting or circular resolution. Noting availability of Chair in March</li> <li>General update provided</li> </ul>
Floodplain Harvesting Measurement Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Director, Scott Keyworth attended with Graeme White and Dan Connor</li> <li>Potential establishment of technical panels for advice to landowners and how NRAR may play a part was discussed</li> <li>The Board adopted the recommendations as they are presented in the papers provided</li> </ul>
Floodplain Harvesting Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communicating heavily with communities with view to reporting to the Board in June with advice on what implications will look like</li> <li>Discussion on data ownership and access rights</li> <li>The Board adopted the recommendations as they are presented in the papers provided</li> </ul>

IPART Monopoly Services Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice to Board that further work had been done since paper presented providing updates</li> <li>• Discussion on diversification of funding and how this may be achieved</li> <li>• Key dates: IPART meeting in coming week Cabinet submission finalized by 21 Feb Engagement exercises 25 Feb – 26 Mar IPART Critical date : 30 June 2020</li> <li>• The Board adopted the recommendations as they are presented in the papers provided</li> </ul>
NRAR Strategic Works Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board suggested changes to the reporting tool to reflect timeframes for review</li> <li>• They are seeking something more condensed with milestone achievements</li> <li>• Feed into the Board Program of Work</li> <li>• Will provide amended reporting tool for distribution to the Board out of session.</li> </ul>
L&A – continuous improvement update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation outlined achievements in L&amp;A work and improvements since last year.</li> <li>• The Board congratulated the team for their efforts and look forward to further progress reports</li> <li>• The Board adopted the recommendations as they are presented in the papers provided</li> </ul>
WRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board congratulated Kaia Hodge in her new secondment</li> <li>• The Board raised issue around cessation of TAFE course and what may be done to support actions to reinstate</li> <li>• Task force end date confirmed for End of June 2020.</li> <li>• Working closely with Qld in technology area with potential cross-border application</li> <li>• The Board noted the updates on the reforms being undertaken by the WRT as presented in the paper</li> </ul>
2019 Stakeholder Engagement Review/ 2020 Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board agreed to hold this paper over to the next meeting</li> <li>• Consideration for regional meeting to be held in coming months in Moree. Namoi and border rivers can come together.</li> </ul>

Next meeting: 18 March 2020

New/Continuing action items following meeting	Person responsible	Due date
Brief Bruce Brown on NRAR finances outside of Board meeting schedule	Chief Regulatory Officer / Ryan Lynn	monthly
Report back on strategic options to address how NRAR can fully meet its monitoring & audit obligations.	Chief Regulatory Officer	Once available