



MEETING	NRAR Board Meeting		
MEETING NO.	05	DATE	14 March 2018
LOCATION	Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, Tamworth	TIME	10.30 am – 4.00pm
ATTENDEES	Craig Knowles (Chair), Ilona Millar (member), Bruce Brown (member), Ross Carter (CRO), Kendy Burke (Executive Officer), regional staff from Dubbo, Grafton, Deniliquin, Leeton, Nowra, Armidale, Murwillumbah, Albury, Orange, Newcastle and Parramatta.		
APOLOGIES	n/a		
PREPARED BY	Kendy Burke (Executive Officer)		

Previous meeting

Action	Status
Publish Chair-endorsed minutes on the NRAR website	Completed
Schedule meetings with meetings with aboriginal groups such as the Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations (NBAN) and Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) as well as the NSW Farmers Federation.	Underway
Request DOI Governance team to contact the Public Service Commission to ensure appropriate advice was provided for recruitment actions.	Completed. Awaiting advice.
Seek advice from DOI Water in relation to correspondence received from irrigator representatives following Departmental correspondence on licence notifications	Completed
Revise draft Establishment Plan to include earlier time-frames for selected activities and ensure differentiated NRAR branding	Completed
DOI to provide the submission made to Treasury on resourcing for further development of spatial technique tools	Completed
Schedule a presentation by water regulation staff on unregulated rivers	Completed.

This meeting

Item	Issue	Action
1.	Open forum session with staff	Staff raised the following issues with the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - matters relating to enforcing licence conditions - status of relationships with WaterNSW - status on system access given shared

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		system between the Department and WaterNSW
2.	State Significant Development Applications - presentation	<p>Staff presented an overview on the Department's role on State Significant Development applications and compliance issues.</p> <p>The Board requested a briefing on key issues to consider.</p>
3.	Unregulated Rivers – presentation	Staff presented an overview of the Department's role and the status on unregulated rivers.
4.	Compliance issues past, present and future - presentation	<p>Staff presented an overview of current compliance matters which reflected impacts of the split of functions between WaterNSW and the Department.</p> <p>The Board requested a briefing on key issues to consider.</p>
5.	Healthy Floodplains project - presentation	Due to time constraints, this presentation is to be rescheduled to the next available Board meeting.

Next meeting

Wednesday 28 March 2018