



MEETING	NRAR Board Meeting		
MEETING NO.	No. 6	DATE	28 March
LOCATION	Macquarie Tower, 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta	TIME	9.00am – 1.00pm
ATTENDEES	Craig Knowles (Chair), Ilona Millar (member), Bruce Brown (member), Kirsty Ruddock (A/Chief Regulatory Officer), Kendy Burke (Executive Officer), Tim Gilbert (Director Regulatory Capability & Coordination), Kaia Hodge (Director Regulatory Innovation), Greg Abood (Director Regional Water Regulation–East: Coastal/Metro), Graeme White (Director Regional Water Regulation–West: Murray Darling), Chis Salkovic (Director Dam Safety CEO, Dam Safety NSW).		
APOLOGIES	Liz Livingston (Deputy Secretary, Lands and Water), Emma Solomon (Group Director Water Renewal Taskforce), Liz Moore (Strategy & Policy), Grant Barnes (Chief Regulatory Officer)		
PREPARED BY	Kendy Burke, Executive Officer		

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Action	Status
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.	NBAN scheduled for 20 April Board meeting NSW Farmers Federation scheduled for 16 May Board meeting.
Request DOI Governance team to contact the Public Service Commission to ensure appropriate advice was provided for recruitment actions.	Awaiting advice.
The Board requested a briefing on key issues in respect to the following: State Significant Development Applications Unregulated Rivers Compliance issues past, present and future	Completed.
Reschedule the presentation on Healthy Floodplains listed for 14 March for next available Board meeting	Completed. Scheduled for 20 April Board meeting

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1.	Confirm Minutes Declaration of conflict of interests	Minutes of 14 March were confirmed. There were no declarations of conflicts of interest
2.	New NRAR Executive introduction	The Board congratulated the Directors on their appointment. The Board noted that Chris Salkovic, Director Dam Safety, was welcome to attend NRAR Board meetings. Dam Safety is governed by the Dam Safety Board and is not under the direction of the NRAR Board.
3.	NRAR ethics program	Don Munro, Manager NRAR Ethics program, and Daniel Blacker, Director Services & Operations, advised the Board on the ethics

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		<p>program for NRAR.</p> <p>The Board endorsed the priority actions for April 2018 including working with Simon Longstaff, Director Ethics Centre.</p>
4.	MDBA Compact	<p>Peter Boyd, Manager Regulatory Reform, advised the Board on the progress of the Murray-Darling Basin Compliance compact.</p> <p>The Board requested that the compact reference the NRAR Memorandum of Understanding with the MDBA signed on 20 February 2018.</p> <p>The Board also requested review of time-frames to ensure expediency of delivery and the identification of interim benchmarks to recognise progress on matters such as metering.</p>
5.	Delegations	<p>Andrew Macdonald, Director Natural Resources Law, advised the Board on work required to determine the appropriate levels of delegations on the enactment of NRAR on 30 April.</p> <p>The Board requested the NRAR Executive provide input prior to Legal providing further advice to the Board at its 20 April meeting.</p>
6.	Open forum with staff	<p>The Board met with approximately 50 staff in an open forum session.</p> <p>Staff noted the need to clearly define the customers of the respective agencies, the Department and WaterNSW.</p> <p>Staff raised matters relating to accessing data and information held by WaterNSW as well as the lack of functionality of the case management (CIRAM) and Water Licensing System (WLS) databases.</p> <p>Staff noted the need to respect and value the corporate knowledge of long term staff.</p>

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Friday 20 April