

NRAR Board external stakeholder meetings - 2019

March

No	Organisation	Names	Discussion
8	Independent	Geoff Wise	Geoff presented to the Board his concerns on the legal extraction of increased volumes of water since the WSP was put in place. Geoff discussed strategies he has proposed to relevant agencies and on the affect A-class licences have on volume of water take.
7	WaterNSW	Anne McDonald, Board Chair & David Harris, CEO	Introductory meeting between WaterNSW and the NRAR Board. Discussion centred on the recently signed MOU and gaining a better understanding of the operating environment of each agency.
6	Australian Floodplain Association	Terry Korn, President	The AFA accepted an invitation to discuss and provide feedback on the methodology NRAR intends to use in determining its Regulatory Priorities. Terry talked with the Board on the challenges the AFA sees with proposed Floodplain Harvesting monitoring, including the ability for it to be adequately resourced. The AFA offered to work with NRAR in communicating with members to support improved compliance reporting and outcomes.
5	Cotton Australia	Michael Murray, General Manager	Cotton Australia accepted an invitation to discuss and provide feedback on the methodology NRAR intends to use in determining its Regulatory Priorities. Michael spoke to a range of issues impacting members, and affirmed that Cotton Australia supports strong compliance on serious offences such as meter tampering and water theft. Some members have raised issue with Michael that NRAR has approached them on technical breaches based on dated licence conditions, and would seek NRAR to apply regulatory discretion on matters of this nature.

4	NSW Irrigators	Luke Simpkins, CEO	NSW Irrigators accepted an invitation to discuss and provide feedback on the methodology NRAR intends to use in determining its Regulatory Priorities. Luke asserted that NSW Irrigators support compliance action where rules are broken, but that the vast majority of irrigators comply with their obligations.
3	Murray Darling Association	Emma Bradbury, CEO	The MDA accepted an invitation to discuss and provide feedback on the methodology NRAR intends to use in determining its Regulatory Priorities. Emma raised risks the MDA see in water management with inconsistent messaging between jurisdictions and departments, and impact of extracting industries entering water markets.
2	Northern Basin Commissioner	Mick Keelty	The North Basin Commissioner accepted an invitation to discuss and provide feedback on the methodology NRAR intends to use in determining its Regulatory Priorities. Commissioner Keelty spoke on his experiences interacting with stakeholders across the basin, and provided insights on how technological solutions can support improved compliance efforts.
1	Total Environment Centre	Jeff Angel, Executive Director	The TEC accepted an invitation to discuss and provide feedback on the methodology NRAR intends to use in determining its Regulatory Priorities. Jeff spoke to the desire for short-term seasonal risks and localised environmental harm to be adequately recognised through NRARs regulatory efforts, and not to be lost in larger-scale modelling.