

NRAR Board meeting - Minutes

MEETING	NRAR Board meeting		
MEETING NO.	No.30	DATE	15 April 2020
LOCATION	VC	TIME	12:00 pm – 4:45 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 (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"> Minutes of 18 March meeting were adopted as a true and accurate account No declarations of a conflict of interest
CRO Update	<p>CRO Grant Barnes provided a paper for the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRO proposed that the Board endorse the report as read Discussion regarding NRAR funding for FY20/21, including IPART determination CRO updated the Board on current IPART and Budget processes
Inaugural NRAR Board Chair Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented to Jane Taylor for excellence and dedication to water regulation and service to the people of New South Wales. The Chair reflected that as our inaugural recipient, Jane has established the very high standards embodied in this award and she can be sure that future recipients will look to her as a person to emulate. Jane's professionalism, dedication, connection with community as well as her display of extraordinary resilience over many years in managing, often as a solo operator, much of the state's water resources serves as an inspiration to us all.

<p>Prosecutions Update Invitee: Kirsty Ruddock Papers provided - For decision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board were presented with 2 matters • On the first matter, Agenda item 4, the Board formally reconsidered the amended recommendations with no objections • On the second matter, Agenda item 3 the Board noted that Out of Session consideration would be made. • The Board noted the existing pipeline of potential prosecutions and future projections as presented
<p>Probity of Licensing and Approvals Invitee: Geoff Cameron/ Anna Browne Papers provided - For decision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board endorsed priorities as presented noting that recommendation to the Board was Option B • The Board noted consultation with ICAC in preparation of the work in relation to best practice, and advised that ICAC are formally provided with the project brief and briefed on how NRAR is proceeding with the methodology • CRO advised the Board that the Minister has formally delegated the L&A function to the Board giving it formal oversight of this function.
<p>Licensing & Approvals - continuous improvements update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board notes the paper as presented • Feedback on triage tool provided as requested • Potential for 30-minute stakeholder video sessions raised for consideration
<p>Reform Implementation Program Invitee: Amanda Chadwick Paper provided</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Chadwick provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Reform Implementation Program and its relationship to NRAR. • Jim Bentley will join Amanda at the next Board meeting to discuss in more detail.
<p>Flood Plain Harvesting (FPH) Update Invitees: Sandra White/Dan Connor/ Scott Keyworth/ Graeme White Paper provided</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided on NRAR involvement in Healthy Floodplains Project. • Advised Board of different technologies being used to inform stakeholders due to the COVID-19 restrictions • The Board suggested internal communications highlighting the great work and progress. • The Board notes the paper as presented.

Strategic Risk Register Invitees: Tim Gilbert/ Sheree Jones Paper provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to next month due to time restraints.
WHS - discussion with Officers Invitees: Tim Gilbert/ Roshni Devi Paper provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board note the paper as presented. The Board received an update on the WHS measures put in place to account for the COVID-19 situation. Reported incidents from the past 3 months discussed.
NRAR Strategic Works Program Invitees: Margaret Sexton/ Nyrie Palmer Paper provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred to next month due to time restraints.
WRT Update Invitee: Kaia Hodge Paper provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Hodge provided update and projections for the final 3 months of the taskforce. Transfer of government owned meters discussed. The Board notes the paper as presented.
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L&A digital transformation of how we work is worthy of exploration to identify potential opportunities to liberate our workforce. Progress made in electronic transfers, online applications. Session times discussed – Board happy to retain existing 15-minute slots to ensure a broad spread of items can be accommodated in each meeting and as many staff as possible have the opportunity to present.

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
Bruce Brown on FPH communications	Sandra White	As required
IPART Update	Tim Gilbert / Stuart Ronan	Out of session updates to be provided as pointy end of dates approach.

Next meeting
Wednesday 20 May