

Natural Resources Access Regulator



Minutes of the meeting of the NRAR Board –16 August 2023

Details

Meeting: #70

Location: Hosted at SERVCORP MLC Boardroom Sydney and via TEAMS video/teleconference

Date/Time: Wednesday, 16 August 2023, 12:30 pm

Board Attendees: Craig Knowles (Chair), Bruce Brown member), Ilona Millar (member), Phil Duncan (member)

NRAR Invitees Grant Barnes (CRO), Russell Johnston (EO), Sharon Ryan (Manager, Board & Executive Services- Secretariat)

Other Invitees: Listed next to relevant agenda item

Apologies:

Meeting opened: 12:33 pm

The board chair expressed his appreciation to Mr. Brown for chairing the July board meeting in his absence.

Acknowledgment of Country by Phil Duncan from the lands of the Bidjigal people.

Minutes and actions from this meeting

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible
1	Declaration of conflicts of interests.	Noted by the board.	SR
	No other declarations were made.	Carried	

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a	Formally endorse Minutes of the board meeting 31 July 2023	The board resolved that the amended minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2023 be recorded as a true and accurate record. Carried	SR
b	Formally endorse board meeting evaluation paper – 31 July 2023	September Evaluation paper will be completed by Bruce Brown	SR
c	Formally endorse CRO performance review	The board formally endorsed the CRO, Grant Barnes' performance review, congratulating and thanking him for another very fine year,	SR
d	Formally endorse Phil Duncan – updated Conflict of Interest form	The board Chair endorsed the Col as presented.	SR
2	CRO Update Presenter: Grant Barnes (Chief Regulatory Officer) The CRO update was taken as read with the CRO providing additional advice on recent enforceable undertakings.	The board noted the paper as presented. Carried	GB/SR

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3	CRO 2022/23 Performance Plan Presenter: Grant Barnes (Chief Regulatory Officer)	The board reviewed the paper and endorsed it as presented. Carried	SR
4	Business Performance Update Invitees: Ila Lessing (Director, Regulatory Coordination and Ryan Shepherd, Manager Projects and Performance) Ms Lessing and Mr Shepherd provided a summary of NRAR's business performance measures.	The board noted the paper as presented. Carried	IL/RS
5	Finance Update Invitees: Ila Lessing (Director, Regulatory Coordination), and Ibbi Yunusa (Manager, Strategic Finance) Ms Lessing and Mr Yunusa provided a summary of NRAR's finance results for FY22/23 and projections for FY23/24	The board noted the paper as presented with thanks to the team. Carried	IL/IY
6	Legislative reform proposal Invitees: Sarah-jane Morris (Director, NRAR Legal) The proposal was taken as read with Ms Morris providing additional advice on the proposed reform measures and actions to be taken to progress them.	The board adopted the paper as presented with thanks to Ms Morris and the team for their extensive efforts in this area. Carried	SJM

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7	<p>CONFIDENTIAL – LAW ENFORCEMENT – General update Invitees: Sarah-jane Morris (Director, NRAR Legal, and Lisa Stockley (Director, Investigations & Enforcement)</p> <p>The paper was taken as read.</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented, congratulating the teams on the great results achieved in the recent enforceable undertakings.</p> <p>Carried</p>	SJM/LS
8	<p>Water reporting in mining operations and extractive industries Invitees: Tim Gilbert (Director, Regulatory Excellence) Catherine Stokes (Manager Regulatory Policy)</p> <p>The paper was taken as read, thank you.</p> <p>Thanks to Catherine and the team who have synthesized the information extremely well to proceed on the next steps</p>	<p>The board adopted the paper as presented</p> <p>Carried</p>	TG/CS

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9	NRAR Position on Metering Review Invitees: Tim Gilbert (Director, Regulatory Excellence) Catherine Stokes (Manager Regulatory Policy) The paper was taken as read	The board adopted the paper as presented, seeking further updates at the September meeting Carried	TG/CS
10	NRAR's Strategic Plan Year 3: Priority Actions 2023 Invitees: Ila Lessing (Director, Regulatory Coordination), Paper taken as read.	The board note the mid-year updates against the priorities listed in the NRAR Strategic Plan Year 3: Priority Actions 2023 and sought further updates at their November meeting. Carried	IL
9	General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Evaluation – Bruce Brown3 meetings to come before year-end.Meet virtually more frequently.	Noted Carried	SR

Meeting closed: 3:52 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, 20 September 2023