

# Natural Resources Access Regulator



Minutes of the meeting of the NRAR Board – 18 March 2024

## Details

- Meeting:** #78
- Location:** TEAMS video/teleconference
- Date/time:** Monday 18 March 2024 11:00 am
- Board Attendees:** Craig Knowles (Chair), Ilona Millar (member), Bruce Brown (member)
- NRAR Invitees** Grant Barnes (CRO), Russell Johnston (EO), Sharon Ryan (Manager, Board & Executive Services- Secretariat)
- Other Invitees:** Listed next to the relevant agenda item.
- Apologies:** Phil Duncan (member)

**Meeting opened:** 11:07 am

Acknowledgment to Country delivered by Craig Knowles

## Minutes and actions from this meeting

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible
1	<b>Declaration of conflicts of interests.</b>	No declarations were made by Bruce Brown and Ilona Millar. A declaration was made for Item 3 by Craig Knowles.  Noted	SR
a	<b>Formally endorse minutes of the board meeting on 21 February 2024</b>	The board resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2024 be recorded as a true and accurate record.  Carried	SR

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b	<b>Formally endorse board meeting evaluation paper on 21 February 2024</b>	The board endorsed the evaluation of the 21 February 2024 meeting.  Carried	PD/SR
2	<b>CRO Update</b> The paper was taken as read. The CRO highlighted the recent WHS incident, and the steps taken to mitigate risk to staff.	The board noted the paper as presented and congratulated Mr Barnes on his appearance at the Budget Estimates hearing.  Noted	GB/SR
3	<b>CONFIDENTIAL – LAW ENFORCEMENT – General update</b> Invitees: Sarah-jane Morris (Director, Legal), Lisa Stockley (Director, Investigations & Enforcement)  The paper was taken as read with verbal updates provided on current matters by Ms Morris and Ms Stockley.	The board noted the paper as presented.  Noted	SJM/LS
4	<b>FOR NOTING: Model of Service Provision by NRAR Legal</b> Invitees: Sarah-jane Morris  Ms Morris provided advice to the board on NRARs legal capacity and capability, having regard to the recommendations of the 2021 Prosecution Review.	The board noted the information presented in the paper.  Carried	SJM

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5	<p><b>FOR NOTING: NRAR Annual Priority Options 2024- 25.</b> Invitees: Margaret Sexton, Dr. Andrew Howe, Richard Sonnerdale</p> <p>The paper was taken as read.</p> <p>Ms Sexton and Messers Howe and Sonnerdale provided background and forecasts to support draft annual priorities.</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented, with an updated paper to be delivered to a future meeting.</p> <p>Noted</p>	MS/AH/RS
6	<p><b>FOR DECISION: NRAR's 2024 Business Plan</b> Invitee: Ila Lessing/ Greig Fratus</p> <p>Ms Lessing and Mr Fratus presented the NRAR 2024 Business Plan to the board, outlining our strategic goals and priority actions for the 2024 financial year, transitioning reporting from calendar year to fiscal year.</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented, agreeing this is a good transition into more regular business planning based on financial years.</p> <p>The board approved the NRAR 2024 business plan, with amendments to move some information in an Appendix.</p> <p>The board will expect the 2024/25 business plan as soon as available post 1 July 2024.</p> <p>Carried</p>	IL/GF
7	<p><b>General Business</b> Noting Phil Duncan's apology Congratulated Phil on the AWA Water Professional of the Year 2024 award. Phil is now a nominee for the National Award being presented in Melbourne at OzWater on 1 May 2024. It was agreed that the March evaluation paper will be completed by Bruce Brown.</p>	<p>Noted</p>	BB/SR

Meeting closed: 1:12 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, 17 April 2024