

Natural Resources Access Regulator

Minutes of the meeting of the NRAR Board – 15 October 2025

Details

Meeting: # 98

Location: Parkline Place, 252 Pitt St Sydney and via TEAMS video/teleconference

Date/Time: Wednesday, 15 October 2025, 1:00 pm

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

NRAR Invitees: Grant Barnes (Chief Regulatory Officer), Russell Johnston (Executive Officer) Sharon Ryan (Manager, Board & Executive Services - Secretariat),

Apologies: Ilona Millar, Carissa Beatty

Meeting opened: 1:00 pm

Acknowledgment to Country delivered by Craig Knowles

Minutes and actions from this meeting

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible
1	Declaration of conflicts of interest.	No declarations relating to the papers presented were made.	SR
A	Formally endorse the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2025	The board resolved that the minutes of the 17 September 2025 meeting be recorded as a true and accurate record. Carried	SR
B	Formally endorse the minutes of the Stakeholder engagement meeting held on 17 September 2025	The board resolved that the minutes from the 17 September 2025 stakeholder meeting were reviewed and adopted with minor amendments. Carried	SR
C	Formally endorse the board meeting evaluation form	Carried	SR

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2	FOR NOTING: CRO Update Presenter: Grant Barnes (Chief Regulatory Officer) The paper was taken as read, and a verbal update was provided	The board noted the information provided. Noted	SR
3	FOR NOTING: Proposed revised access rules for water sharing plans Presenter: Beth Williams (Senior Project Officer) The paper was taken as read, and Ms Williams provided a verbal update	The board noted the information provided. Noted	BW
4	FOR NOTING: CONFIDENTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT - General Update Presenter: Ellen Chapple (Director, NRAR Legal), Lisa Stockley (Director Investigations & Enforcement) The paper was taken as read, and Ms Chapple and Ms Stockley provided verbal updates	The board noted the information provided. Noted	SR
5	FOR DISCUSSION: CONFIDENTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT Presenter: Ellen Chapple (Director, NRAR Legal), Lisa Stockley (Director Investigations & Enforcement) Isabella Mangos (Snr Legal Officer), Luke Teo (Principal Legal Officer), Jason Hannon (Senior Investigator) A confidential briefing on a current enforcement matter was provided	The board adopted the recommendations as presented in the paper Carried	EC

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6	FOR DECISION: NRAR Annual Plan for FY 2025-2026 Presenters: Ila Lessing (Director Policy & Performance), Ryan Shepherd (Manager, Strategic Projects and Planning) The paper was taken as read, and a verbal update was provided	The board adopted the recommendations as presented in the paper Carried	IL/RS
7	FOR NOTING: NRAR Organisational Risk Update Presenters: Ila Lessing (Director Policy & Performance), Ryan Shepherd (Manager, Strategic Projects and Planning) The paper was taken as read, and a verbal update was provided to the board	The board noted the information provided in the paper and requested monthly financial reporting with variance commentary. Noted	IL/RS
8	FOR DECISION: Stakeholder Engagement Update - Oct 25 Presenters: Keeley Reynolds (Director Education & Engagement), Merran Davis (Manager Engagement) The paper was taken as read, and a verbal update was provided	The board adopted the recommendations as presented in the paper. Carried	KR/MD
9	FOR NOTING: Enduring Priority 2 (EP2) October 2025 Presenters: Keeley Reynolds (Director Education & Engagement), Scott Carpenter (Senior Project Officer), Merran Davis (Manager Engagement) The paper was taken as read, and a verbal update was provided	The board noted the information provided in the paper Noted	KR/CB/SC

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10	FOR NOTING: Namoi Project Closure Report Presenter: Andrew Howe (Director Regulatory Initiatives) The paper was taken as read	The board noted the information provided in the paper, with thanks to Mr Astill and Ms Howard for leading this work. Noted	AH/GA
11	General Business Board meeting evaluation to be completed by Bruce Brown	Noted	BB/SR

Meeting concluded at 4:00 pm with thanks to all participants.

Next meeting scheduled 19 November 2025