

# Natural Resources Access Regulator

Minutes of the meeting of the NRAR Board –21 June 2023



## Details

<b>Meeting:</b>	#69
<b>Location:</b>	Hosted at Level 11, Boardroom, 135 King St Sydney, and via TEAMS video/teleconference
<b>Date/Time:</b>	Wednesday 21 June 2023, 12:00 pm
<b>Board Attendees:</b>	Craig Knowles (Chair), Ilona Millar (member), Bruce Brown (member), Phil Duncan (member)
<b>NRAR Invitees</b>	Grant Barnes (CRO), Russell Johnston (EO), Sharon Ryan (Manager, Board & Executive Services- Secretariat)
<b>Other Invitees:</b>	Listed next to relevant agenda item
<b>Apologies:</b>	nil

**Meeting opened:** 12:15 pm noting Bruce Brown is in transit and arriving soon.

Acknowledgment/ Welcome to Country presented by Craig Knowles

## Minutes and actions from this meeting

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible
1	Declaration of conflicts of interests. The board Chair advised that he has recently accepted the appointment to the role of Advisor Pacific Division with the Commonwealth government.	Noted by the board.  Carried	SR

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	No other declarations were made.		
a	Formally endorse Minutes of the board meeting 18 May 2023	The board resolved that the amended minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2023 be recorded as a true and accurate record.  Carried	SR
b	Formally endorse board evaluation of the board meeting on 18 May 2023	The board endorsed the paper as presented  Carried	SR/IM
2	CRO Update Paper provided  The paper was taken as read. The CRO highlighted the recent acceptance of guilty pleas and enforceable undertakings. Staff will seek the board's direction on next steps at the July meeting.	The board noted the paper as presented.  Carried	GB/SR
3	Aboriginal Staff Network (ASN) Update Attendees: Keeley Reynolds (Director, Education and Engagement), Wyatt Walden (Field Officer) Carissa Beatty (Assistant Project Officer)	The board noted, agreed, and endorsed the paper as presented.  Carried	KR/CB/WW

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	Paper provided  Ms Beatty, Mr Walden and Ms Reynolds provided an update on Network's activities and planned engagement.		
4	CONFIDENTIAL – LAW ENFORCEMENT – General update Attendees: Sarah-jane Morris (Director, NRAR Legal), Lisa Stockley (Director, Investigations and Enforcement) Paper provided  The paper was taken as read.	The board noted the paper as presented.  Carried	SJM/LS
5	Non-Urban Meter Regulation Project Plan & Communications Strategy Attendees: Grant Barnes (Chief Regulatory Officer, NRAR), Kaia Hodge (Executive Director, State Water Strategies), Ria Pryce (Director, State Water Strategies), Catherine Parker (Director, Communications & Media) Paper provided  Staff from DPE - Water presented to the board on the review	The board noted its appreciation of the work being done and accepted the paper as presented. The board requested regular briefings from the project team.  Carried	GB/SR

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	<p>of the non-urban meter regulations. NRAR is represented on the project team.</p> <p>The board asked for a re-articulation of the adherence to the principle of 'no meter no pump'.</p> <p>The board Chair noted that the board will engage in the process and contribute to the review concordant with their statutory independence.</p>		
6	<p>Closure of Prosecutions Management Review obligations</p> <p>Attendees: Sarah-Jane Morris (Director, NRAR Legal), Lisa Stockley (Director, Investigations and Enforcement) Russell Johnston (Executive Officer)</p> <p>Paper provided – Marked Sensitive – Legal</p> <p>Mr Johnston outlined that the development and maturity of the agency has strengthened governance and decision-making.</p>	<p>The board endorsed the closure of the review of prosecution governance, noting this was a significant piece of work that led to high-quality outcomes.</p> <p>The board expressed their respect for the work undertaken to strengthen our decision-making processes.</p> <p>The board sought annual update.</p> <p>Carried</p>	SJM/LS/RJ
7	<p>Probity Review Conclusion</p> <p>Attendees: Lisa Stockley (Director, Investigations and Enforcement) Russell Johnston (Executive Officer)</p> <p>Paper provided - Marked as Sensitive – Legal</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented</p> <p>Carried</p>	LS/RJ

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8	<p>Quarterly Risk Review Attendee: Ila Lessing (Director, Regulatory Coordination), Paper provided</p> <p>Ms Lessing provided an update to the board on the Organisational Risk Register.</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented</p> <p>Carried</p>	IL/RS
9	<p>Valuation of Water update Invitees: Catherine Stokes (A/Director, Regulatory Excellence) Paper provided</p> <p>Ms Stokes presented the updated 'Value of Water' report from Marsden Jacobs &amp; Associates.</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented</p> <p>Carried</p>	CS
10	<p>Quarterly Workplace Health and Safety Review Invitee: Catherine Stokes (/Director, Regulatory Excellence), Andy Harker (Compliance Officer)</p> <p>Ms Stokes and Mr Harker updated the board on the recent changes to the WHS Committee, and the current key areas</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented</p> <p>Carried</p>	CS

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11	General Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board Evaluation to be completed by Ilona Millar</li></ul>	Noted  Carried	

**Meeting closed:** 4:00 pm

**Next meeting:** Date to be confirmed – July 2023