

Natural Resources Access Regulator



Minutes of the meeting of the NRAR Board 15 March 2023

Details

- Meeting:** #65
- Location:** Hosted at Servcorp, MLC Centre Boardroom and via TEAMS video/teleconference
- Date/time:** Wednesday 15 March 2023, 9:00 am
- Board Attendees:** Craig Knowles (Chair), Ilona Millar (member), Bruce Brown (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:** nil
- Meeting opened:** 9:22am 'in Camera' session started at 09:00am

Acknowledgement of country presented by Phil Duncan

Minutes and actions from the previous meeting

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible
1	Declaration of conflicts of interests: No other declarations were made.	Noted by the board. Carried	SR
a	Formally endorse Minutes of the board meeting 15 February 2023	The board resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2023 be recorded as a true and accurate record. Carried	SR
b	Formally endorse board meeting evaluation paper – 15 February 2023	April evaluation papers to be completed by Phil Duncan	SR

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c	Board Member Declarations of Interests forms endorsed	Carried	SR
2	<u>CRO Update</u> The CRO update was taken as read.	The board noted the paper as presented. Carried	GB SR
3	<u>CONFIDENTIAL – LAW ENFORCEMENT – General update</u> Invitees: Sarah-jane Morris, Lisa Stockley Ms Stockley and Ms Morris provided an update of prosecutions commenced by NRAR, updating the board on matters currently before the court.	The board noted the paper as presented. Carried	SJM/LS
4	Non-Urban Meter Invitees: Margaret Sexton/ Andrew Howe Paper provided Ms Sexton and Mr Howe provided a status update to the Board.	The Board adopted the paper as presented, and requested that the CRO prepare a draft resolution (for consideration/adoption via circulation or at next boarding meeting) to reflect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRAR Board’s concern re widening gap between policy aspiration and program implementation, noting the evidence of low compliance in Tranche 2, and that projections indicate the persistent low rates of compliance will be compounded with the addition of Tranche 3 and 4. the evidence is indicative of systemic issues that extend beyond implementation challenges and warrant a review of the underlying regulation to alleviate constraints and NRAR Board’s awareness that the Water Group in the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE–W) are aware of the magnitude of the issues and acknowledge 	MS/AH

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		<p>they have committed to resolving the fundamental root causes and,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instruct the CRO to report regularly on progress being made by DPE-W. <p>Carried</p>	
5	<p>Risk Register Invitees: Ila Lessing/ Ryan Shepherd Paper provided</p> <p>Ms Lessing and Mr Shepherd presented the new Risk Register.</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented, seeking regularly scheduled updates</p> <p>Carried</p>	IL/RS
6	<p>NRAR's Strategic Plan Year 3: Priority Actions 2023 Invitee: Ila Lessing Paper provided</p> <p>Ms Lessing provided a condensed summary of changes made and to the direct links between the Strategic Plan and Priorities.</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented.</p> <p>Carried</p>	IL
7	<p>Influencing the regulatory framework, laws and future operating environment Invitees: Tim Gilbert/ Catherine Stokes Paper provided</p> <p>Mr Gilbert and Ms Stokes provided an update on NRAR's priorities for influencing the regulatory framework over 2023, discussing where and how the Board can be most impactful.</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented seeking regular updates.</p> <p>Carried</p>	TG/CS

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8	<p>WHS Update Invitees: Tim Gilbert/ David Minehan Paper provided</p> <p>Messer's Gilbert and Minehan advised the board of the proactive approach to WHS taken by NRAR.</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented.</p> <p>Carried</p>	TG/DM
9	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board Evaluation• Regional Board meeting• Board Evaluation• Potential extraordinary meeting in early April	<p>Carried</p>	SR

Meeting closed: 12:34 pm

Next meeting: 17 April 2023