

Natural Resources Access Regulator

Minutes of the meeting of the NRAR Board – 15 May 2024

Details

- Meeting:** # 81
- Location:** Hosted via TEAMS video/teleconference
- Date/time:** Monday, 15 May 2024 12:30 pm
- 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 the relevant agenda item.
- Apologies:** Tim Gilbert

Meeting opened: 12:30 pm

Acknowledgment to Country delivered by Phil Duncan

Minutes and actions from this meeting

No.	Issue	Action	Responsible
1	Declaration of conflicts of interests.	No declarations were made	SR
a	Formally endorse Minutes of the Board meeting held on 15 April 2024	The board resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2024 be recorded as a true and accurate record.	SR

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		Carried	
1.b	Formally endorse Minutes of the Board meeting held on 1 May 2024	Carried	SR
2	CRO Update The paper was taken as read.	The board noted the paper as presented. Noted	GB/SR
3	CONFIDENTIAL – LAW ENFORCEMENT – General update Invitees: Sarah-jane Morris (Director, NRAR 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. Ms Morris advised the Board of her intention to leave NRAR. The Board congratulated her on her promotion, thanking her for her leadership and dedication to the work being done by NRAR.	The board noted the paper as presented. Noted	SJM/LS

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4	<p>FOR ENDORSEMENT: Regulatory Initiatives Indigenous Traineeship Program</p> <p>Invitees: Ian Bernard, Jason Long, Sue Anderson</p> <p>Mr Bernard sought the board's endorsement of the proposed Indigenous Traineeship as part of NRAR's Enduring Priorities.</p>	<p>The board adopted recommendations 1 and 2 as presented and made the following amendment to recommendation 3 - NRAR board notes the endorsement of the Indigenous Traineeship Program is subject to FY 2024-25 funding and any shortfalls may delay commencement.</p> <p>Carried</p>	IB
5	<p>FOR ENDORSEMENT: Annual Priorities 2024/25</p> <p>Invitee: Margaret Sexton, Andrew Howe, Ian Bernard</p> <p>Ms Sexton and Mr Howe outlined NRAR's Annual Priorities for the coming year.</p>	<p>The board adopted the recommendations as presented.</p> <p>Carried</p>	MS
6	<p>FOR NOTING: Strengthening NRAR Enforcement Powers</p> <p>Invitees: Tim Gilbert</p> <p>Mr Gilbert updated the Board on progress to strengthen powers, increase penalty notice amounts and amend methodologies for calculating the value of water taken illegally.</p>	<p>The board adopted the paper as presented.</p> <p>Carried</p>	TG
7	<p>FOR NOTING: Quarterly Workplace Health & Safety Review</p> <p>Invitee: Keeley Reynolds</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented.</p>	KR

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	Ms Reynolds informed the board of WHS matters and trends for the first quarter of 2024.	Noted	
10	General Business Proposed change to date of next meeting- Sharon to arrange and advise. Board Evaluation form to be completed by Bruce Brown		SR

Meeting closed: 2:30 pm

Next meeting: to be advised