

Natural Resources Access Regulator



Minutes of the meeting of the NRAR Board – 14 February 2022

Details

- Meeting:** Hosted via video/teleconference and in person
- Location:** SERVCORP- L26,44 Market St SYDNEY and remotely via TEAMS
- Date/time:** 14 February 2022 at 2:00 pm
- Board Invitees:** Hon Craig Knowles AO (Chair), Bruce Brown (member), Ilona Millar (member), Phil Duncan (advisory member)
- NRAR Invitees:** Grant Barnes (CRO), Russell Johnston (EO), Sharon Ryan (Board Secretariat)
- Other Invitees:** Listed next to relevant agenda item
- Apologies:** Nil
- Meeting opened:** 2:00 pm

Acknowledgement of country presented by Craig Knowles and Phil Duncan

Minutes and actions from the previous meeting

| No. | Issue | Action | Responsible |
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| 1 | Conflict of Interest Declarations – no declarations of conflicts of interest were submitted in relation to matters before the board at this meeting. Phil Duncan advised of a connection to item 6 by virtue of his participation in Healthy Flood Plains immersion visits planned for 5 April 2022, but no conflict of interest arose from this. | Noted by the Board Carried Dated: 14 February 2022 | SR |
| (a) | Formally endorse minutes of the board meeting – 15 December 2021 | RESOLVED that the updated minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2021 be recorded as a true and accurate record. | SR |

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| (b) | Formally endorse board meeting evaluation paper – 15 December 2021 | Next evaluation paper to be completed by Phil Duncan | BB |
| 2 | <p><u>CRO Update</u></p> <p>The CRO Update was taken as read. CRO briefed the board on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - potential issues to be raised at Budget Estimates hearing - follow up advice relating to L&A function - changes to NRAR executive staff. | <p>The board noted the paper as presented.</p> <p>Carried Dated: 14 February 2022</p> | GB |
| 3 | <p><u>CONFIDENTIAL – LAW ENFORCEMENT</u></p> <p><i>Invitee: Margaret Sexton (Acting Director, Water Enforcement Taskforce)</i></p> <p>Ms Sexton presented on current and upcoming prosecutions for board advice and consideration.</p> | <p>The NRAR Board noted the paper as presented.</p> <p>Carried Dated: 14 February 2022</p> | MS |
| 4 | <p><u>DPE Metering & Duly Qualified Persons update</u></p> <p><i>Invitee: Aaron Walker (Director, Special Projects Taskforce DPE Water Strategy)</i></p> <p>Mr Walker provided the board with an update on the Department’s implementation of non-urban metering and floodplain harvesting measurement rules, including measures</p> | <p>The NRAR Board note the paper as presented, thanking Mr Walker for the work he and his team are doing in this space.</p> <p>Mr Walker will provide further advice as to who will be hosting the Indigenous DQP program.</p> | AW |

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| | <p>to increase capacity, capability, and coverage of duly qualified persons (DQPs).</p> <p>He further advised that DPE welcomes the opportunity to discuss potential placements of First Nations Australians with NRAR post training.</p> | Carried Dated: 14 February 2022 | |
| 5 | <p><u>Non-urban metering update</u> <i>Invitees: Gregory Abood (Director, Water Regulation East) and Ryan Lynn (Manager, Business Analytics and Efficiency)</i></p> <p>Mr Abood and Lynn provided an update on Tranche 2 of the non-urban metering compliance project covering areas including funding requests, stakeholder engagement and NRAR's compliance approach to dealing with inactive works.</p> | <p>The board noted the recommendations on as presented in the papers.</p> <p>Carried Dated: 14 February 2022</p> | GA/RL |
| 6 | <p><u>FPH Reg Implementation</u> <i>Invitees: Dan Connor (Director, Healthy Floodplains Project Delivery DPE Water Strategy) and Kristanne Andersen (Principal Project Officer, DPE Water Strategy)</i></p> <p>Mr Connor and Ms Anderson updated the board on the implementation of the NSW Floodplain Harvesting Policy following the regulations coming into effect on 14 February 2022, and work to respond to the recommendations arising from the Select Committee report on FPH released on 15 December 2021.</p> | <p>The board noted the papers with thanks.</p> <p>Mr Connor will provide advice to delineate very clearly who is responsible for what in relation to this implementation between DPE, WNSW, NRAR and any Commonwealth involvement at a future meeting.</p> <p>Carried Dated: 14 February 2022</p> | GA/DO |
| 7 | <p><u>NRAR compliance approach to FPH reg rollout</u> <i>Invitee: Graeme White (Director, Water Regulation West)</i></p> <p>Mr White gave the board an overview of NRAR's phased</p> | <p>The board moved to endorse the recommendations on the matters as presented in the papers.</p> <p>Carried Dated: 14 February 2022</p> | TG/RL/IB |

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| | compliance approach to align with the staged implementation of Floodplain Harvesting regulation. | | |
| 8 | <u>General Business</u> Board evaluation paper assignment | | BB |

New/continuing actions from this meeting

| No. | Action to be taken | Who | Due/Action taken |
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| 2 | Briefing on changes to L&A briefing advice to March 2022 meeting. | Alison Collaros | March 2022 |
| 4 | Mr Walker will provide further advice as to who will be hosting the Indigenous DQP program. | Aaron Walker | TBA |
| 6 | Mr Connor will provide advice to delineate very clearly who is responsible for what in relation to implementation of the FPH Regulation implementation between DPE, WNSW, NRAR and any Commonwealth involvement at a future meeting. | Dan Connor | TBA |

Meeting closed: 4:37 pm on 14 February 2022

Next meeting: 16 March 2022