

Natural Resources Access Regulator

Minutes of the meeting of the NRAR Board – 20 June 2024

Details

Meeting: # 82

Location: Hosted via TEAMS video/teleconference

Date/time: Thursday 20 June 2024 9:30 am

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

Meeting opened: 9:40 am

Acknowledgment to Country delivered by Craig Knowles

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 May 2024	The board resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2024 be recorded as a true and accurate record.	SR

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		Carried	
2	CRO Update The paper was taken as read.	The Board noted the paper as presented. Noted	GB/SR
3	FOR DECISION: NRAR Draft Terms of Reference – Governance and Independence Review Presenter: Grant Barnes Mr Barnes sought Board endorsement of the draft Terms of Reference – Review of Independence of the Natural Resources Access Regulator-	The Board adopted the Terms of Reference subject to editorial amendments and noting the Reporting timeframe. Carried	GB/ SR
4	FOR DECISION: Water Enforcement Bill Update Invitee: Tim Gilbert, Catherine Stokes Mr Gilbert and Ms Stokes updated the Board on policy proposals for inclusion in a cabinet submission seeking to amend the Water Management Act (an Enforcement Bill) to strengthen enforcement of water laws.	The Board noted Recommendations 1-4, adopting Recommendation 5 as presented. Carried	TG/CS

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5	<p>FOR NOTING: NUMR review update Invitee: Tim Gilbert, Catherine Stokes</p> <p>Mr Gilbert and Ms Stokes updated the board on NUMR review recommendations that seek to accelerate the meter reforms and reduce undue costs on smaller, low risk water users.</p>	<p>The board noted the recommendations as presented.</p> <p>Noted</p>	TG/CS
6	<p>FOR NOTING: IPART Update Invitee: Tim Gilbert, Brett Bates</p> <p>Mr Gilbert and Mr Bates provided an update on the status of the WAMC Price proposal, including key dates, WAMC and NRAR forecast costs and potential risks</p>	<p>The board noted the recommendations as presented.</p> <p>Noted</p>	TG/BB
7	<p>FOR NOTING: WAMC Consultation Process Invitees: Keeley Reynolds, Merran Davis</p> <p>Ms Reynolds and Ms Davis updated the board on NRAR’s community consultation and what we heard.</p>	<p>The board noted the recommendations as presented.</p> <p>Noted</p>	KR/MD
8	<p>CONFIDENTIAL – LAW ENFORCEMENT General update</p>	<p>The board noted the paper as presented.</p>	LS/HH

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	Invitees: Heath Hazelton (A/Director, NRAR Legal), Lisa Stockley (Director, Investigations & Enforcement) The paper was taken as read with verbal updates provided on current matters by Ms Stockley and Mr Hazelton.	Noted	
10	General Business Board Evaluation form to be completed by Ilona Millar		IM/SR

Meeting closed: 11:45 am

Next meeting: 17 July 2024