

## Summary of the CEO Industry Reference Group Meeting

15 March 2019

The key outcomes from the meeting include:

1. ONRSR's Chief Executive, Ms Sue McCarrey reported:
  - The ONRSR Corporate Plan 2019/2022 will be issued once endorsed by Ministerial Council at the June 2019 meeting.
  - ONRSR are seeking approval of their Statement of Intent 2019-2022 by Ministerial Council at the June 2019 meeting.
  - ONRSR are providing Ministerial Council with the outcomes of the Fatigue Review at the June 2019 meeting.
  - The National Rail Safety Data Strategy is the first time in 15-20 years that a review has been undertaken looking at industry, government and ONRSR data needs. The aim of the project is to reduce burden, and also provide insights, and lessons learned.
  - As part of the Safety Improvement Program for Tourist and Heritage, Sue is meeting with T&H Boards of larger organisations. Workshops are also being held with T&H rail safety workers focusing on risk and safety management systems.
2. RISSB's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Daly reported:
  - The RISSB Priority Planning Forum is open for ranking of proposals from 18 March – 31 March on the RISSB website. There are 35 proposals for ranking.
  - The RISSB Rail Safety Conference will be held on 2-3 April 2019 in Melbourne.
  - The International Railway Safety Council Conference will be held in Perth on 13-18 October 2019. RISSB are expecting 250-300 attendees.
  - RISSB has a casual vacancy on their Board, a passenger operations representative. Six nominations have been received.
3. The ARA's General Manager – Passenger and Corporate Services, Ms Emma Woods reported:
  - The National Transport Commission consultation paper on the definition of rail safety worker is due out shortly for an eight week consultation period. ARA will work with industry representatives to provide a response.
  - ARA will flag fatigue risk management as part of the Productivity Commission Review of National Transport Reforms.
  - Nominations for the Australasian Rail Industry Awards are open until 19 April 2019.
  - The Young Leaders Advisory Board, eight individuals from across industry, met for the first time on 14 March 2019. Issues discussed were addressing the skills gap and branding and promotion of the industry.
  - ARA's National Track Safety Induction program provides base competency training to access the track. ARA is seeking commitments from operators to adopt the program. The rollout of the program will be from the end of year if industry support is provided.

4. ONRSR's Chief Operating Officer Mr Peter Doggett reported:
  - Larger operators will now have an Accountable Director at ONRSR which is the same concept as "a single point of contact" as previously discussed – but affirms that there will be interfaces with more than one individual person.
  - As part of ONRSR's regulatory program, to understand operators better ONRSR is trialling rail safety officers asking broader questions when on an audit, to understand the organisation's commitment to safety and their general approach to safety. This will better inform ONRSR's regulatory approach.
  - Investigations are now classed as level 1 or level 2, there has been no changes to process. A level 2 is a compliance investigation which could have legal implications and the potential for prosecution.
  - The ONRSR National Operations Committee is reviewing its national priorities, Road Rail Vehicles (RRVs) and Track Worker Safety.
  
5. ONRSR's Executive Director, Policy, Reform and Stakeholder Engagement, Ms Julie Bullas reported:
  - The draft RSNL amendment bill is currently progressing through SA Parliament. The planned implementation date is 1 July 2019 with information/education on the changes being provided in April/May 2019
  - The new requirements for post-incident testing following certain prescribed incidents will come into effect from 1 July 2019. ONRSR is establishing a Drug and Alcohol testing unit that will be available 24/7. ONRSR will provide information to all operators in April/May 2019.
  - It is expected that ATSB will release the Category A reporting legislative changes for public consultation shortly. ONRSR and ATSB are still hopeful of a 1 July 2019 implementation subject to legislative change. Communications will be issued to industry once a date is confirmed.
  - ONRSR are working with TrackSafe and the Queensland Trucking Association on level crossing safety.
  - ONRSR's second external stakeholder survey has been undertaken with 51% of online surveys participation rate and 35 face to face interviews undertaken.
  - ONRSR is working on a policy position on responsibility between road managers and rail infrastructure managers for where road/rail maintenance responsibility lies at level crossings.
  - An update on ONRSR's drug and alcohol testing program and industry testing.
  - ONRSR are considering the return to industry the issuing of drug and alcohol testing authorised person's identity cards. This is only relevant for operators in NSW. Prior to the establishment of ONRSR this process sat with industry.
  
6. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 2 August 2019.