
Summary of the CEO Industry Reference Group Meeting

30 November 2018

The key outcomes from the meeting include:

1. ONRSR's Chief Executive, Ms Sue McCarrey reported:
 - The removal of the Victorian Service Level Agreement (SLA) is a high priority for ONRSR in 2019. Upon removal of the SLA light rail and the remaining tourist and heritage operators not currently regulated by ONRSR will transition.
 - Industry are encouraged to read the ONRSR Engage Bulletin.
 - ONRSR is currently completing the roll out of the portal to all accredited operators. For those operators not involved in the pilot information sessions are being held around the country and a letter has been sent advising of these.
 - ONRSR issued a safety alert on 20 November 2018 to rail transport operators regarding the use of electronically controlled pneumatic braking and automatic train protection systems. ONRSR will be following up with relevant operators to ensure that the recommendations in the safety alert have been implemented.

2. RISSB's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Daly reported:
 - RISSB's inaugural Horizons Program has held a two day kick off forum on 13 and 14 September. Part of the program involves monthly webinars and preparation of proposals for RISSB's Project Prioritisation Forum for 2019/20.
 - RISSB have held their Annual General Meeting with all Board members remaining.
 - Preparations for International Railway Safety Council 2019 to be held in Perth are underway in conjunction with ONRSR and ATSB. The website should be up and running the week commencing 3 December with registrations opening.
 - RISSB's Industry Networking Breakfasts are scheduled for 5 December 2018 in Sydney and 5 February 2018 in Perth.
 - The RISSB Priority Planning Forum will be taking place in March 2019, with all submissions required by February 2019. RISSB will be issuing a reminder the week commencing 3 December.
 - The 2019 Rail Safety Conference will be held in Melbourne on 2-3 April 2019 with a tour of Metro Trains and dinner at the MCG.

3. The ARA's General Manager – Passenger and Corporate Services, Ms Emma Woods reported:
 - The ARA Skills Capability Study was launched at AusRAIL which outlined 41 recommendations to address the skills gap. ARA will work with Industry, Governments and other key stakeholders to implement the recommendations.

- The ARA Interim Smart Rail Report was launched at AusRAIL. Smart Rail is a joint industry project involving the development of a long-term strategic framework for digital and communication technologies.
 - ARA held their Annual General Meeting during AusRAIL with Rene Lalande re-elected as a General Passenger Director and John Fullerton re-elected as a General Freight Director.
 - The Future Leaders 2018 have held their final workshop. ARA launched an Alumni in September 2018 to continue to link young leaders throughout the industry. A Young Leaders Advisory Board is being developed.
 - Project i-TRACE is being rolled out with an implementation date of 1 January 2019.
 - Industry's proposal in relation to changes to the Rail Safety Worker definition has been presented to the Rail Safety National Law Maintenance Group. NTC are exploring options and will release a paper mid-February 2019 for public consultation
4. ONRSR's Executive Director, National Operations Mr Peter Doggett reported:
- As of 3 December 2018 Peter's title will change to Chief Operating Officer. This will allow a strategic focus for the role, with a new position created - Director National Operations. The newly created role will have an operational focus.
 - ONRSR have recently engaged an external person to undertake a review of a major operator in relation to track worker safety. The issues identified during the review included poor preparation for unplanned track work, outdated rules and procedures, not understanding the context of the rules and difficulties in implementing new technology. ONRSR will be sharing the lessons from the review with the wider industry.
 - The ONRSR Rail Safety Report 17-18 will be released shortly.
 - It will be reinforced to all accredited operators that it is their responsibility to review their Notice of Accreditation and advise any errors.
5. ONRSR's Executive Director, Policy, Reform and Stakeholder Engagement, Ms Julie Bullas reported:
- The ONRSR Fatigue Review Consultation paper will be released mid-January 2019.
 - ONRSR will be undertaking further modelling work as part of the Cost Recovery Review to provide greater clarity in terms of impacts and will then engage in further discussions with governments and industry.
 - ATSB is continuing to progress legislative changes to the Transport Safety Investigation Regulations to move requirements for immediate reporting of Category A occurrences from ATSB to ONRSR. It is not anticipated that this will take place until the second half of 2019.
 - Consultation will be undertaken during the second quarter of 2019 on the proposed National Rail Safety data set, including who is responsible for reporting, collection and management of the data set.
 - ONRSR will be undertaking their External Stakeholder Survey commencing in mid-January 2019 with face to face interviews with a selection of key stakeholders and the online survey being available from mid-February.
 - Work is progressing on the Safety Improvement Project – Track Worker Safety. ONRSR have engaged ACT Australia to deliver interactive theatre-based workshops around Australia in early 2019.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 15 March 2019.