

Summary of the CEO Industry Reference Group Meeting

26 August 2022

The key outcomes from the meeting include:

1. ONRSR's A/Chief Executive, Peter Doggett reported:
 - ONRSR's Annual Report is being finalised and will be sent to Ministers by the end of September, it will be available on ONRSR's website once it has been tabled in one parliament.
 - ONRSR's Statement of Intent is available on the ONRSR website
2. RISSB's Chief Executive, Damien White reported:
 - The focus for RISSB is what are the other big-ticket reforms for industry, encompassing safety and productivity, factoring in ONRSR's national priorities and international work.
 - RISSB are investigating their role in helping operators realise the benefits of RISSB products. Part of this is looking at a possible role for training to ensure benefits are realised.
 - RISSB turn 20 in 2023 – will review what has been produced and what is outstanding.
3. ARA's General Manager, Policy and Government Relations, Simon Bourke reported:
 - The ARA Safety Policy Committee is now well established, meeting on a quarterly basis.
 - ARA members are appreciating the intent of the national data strategy, it is a much better data set. ARA are collating any issues raised by members and forwarding to ONRSR.
 - A working group of approximately sixteen operators has been established to address the challenges of managing fatigue within operations. The first meeting has been held with technology options being considered along with work on developing e-learning. ARA are working with MTA to further explore this challenge, which includes trialling an app-based tool.
 - Curtin University on behalf of ARA and RISSB have undertaken research on precursors for SPADs, with the final report now published.
 - The ARA Board are undertaking a review of their strategy.
 - Upcoming ARA events - Rail Industry Awards, New Zealand Rail Conference, Rail Freight Conference and AusRail 2022.
 - The Understanding Rail online course is being run again in October/November
4. ONRSR's Chief Operating Officer, Peter Doggett reported:
 - The new reporting requirements came into effect on 1 July 2022. Some system issues have been identified however overall, it is progressing as expected. ONRSR are collating issues and encourage industry to feed issues to either the ARA or ONRSR.
 - ONRSR have undertaken a review of its national priorities which has resulted in the identification of some new national priorities. Scoping for the projects to support the priority areas is currently underway.

5. ONRSR's Executive Director | Policy, Reform and Stakeholder Engagement, Julie Bullas reported:
- Invitations have been issued for the Cost Recovery Implementation Information Sessions. Workshops are being held from 14 September – 5 October.
 - The Cost Recovery Model safety and technology maturity assessment tools need to be completed in November to allow time for ONRSR's internal work to feed into and run the new cost recovery model early in 2023.
 - The Cost Recovery draft legislation is close to being finalised. It is anticipated consultation will occur with stakeholders early in September, with approval sought from Ministers in December 2022.
 - Invoices for annual fees will issue in September with payment due by 31 October 2022.
 - ONRSR occurrence data has not been updated in the National Level Crossing Portal since the end of June due to the introduction of the National Data Strategy however normal updates will commence at the end of September.
 - ONRSR has engaged a consultant who is undertaking a stakeholder survey on ONRSR's behalf. The survey consists of thirty face to face interviews and an online survey which is now live. Industry is strongly encouraged to complete the survey.
 - Operators were reminded that Category A incidents need to be reported immediately to ONRSR or at least within the first hour of the incident occurring. It is almost impossible for ONRSR to undertake the required D&A testing if these notifications are not received within the first hour. If ONRSR tests (except in NSW) the operator does not need to undertake drug and alcohol testing.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 18 November 2022 (subject to change).