

## Summary of the CEO Industry Reference Group Meeting

**30 November 2022**

The key outcomes from the meeting include:

1. ONRSR's Chief Executive, Sue McCarrey reported:
  - Key highlights from ONRSR's recent Stakeholder Survey. The survey was conducted by an independent provider and comprised of 34 face to face interviews across the industry, RTBU, Government and Ministerial staff. There was a 45% response rate from the on-line survey. Overall results were very pleasing, and a number of recommendations have been made for ONRSR and also in areas which are not in ONRSR's remit.
  - This was Sue's last CEO Industry Reference Group meeting as she is leaving ONRSR in December 2022, and Peter Doggett will be acting Chief Executive.
  - Sue thanked the members of the Forum for their input and continued support during her time as Chief Executive. She found the forum to be a very effective communication tool for engaging with industry, receiving their input and providing updates on ONRSR activities.
  - Sue acknowledged this was also Julie Bullas' last meeting and that she has been a stalwart of the industry working really hard behind the scenes ensuring policy and strategy was developed with input from all stakeholders and also keeping stakeholders constantly informed of ONRSR's activities. On behalf of this forum, Julie was thanked for her significant efforts.
  
2. RISSB's Chief Executive, Damien White reported:
  - RISSB is further refining its process for input into its annual work program and have issued the initial call to stakeholders to nominate products for development in 2023-24. More detail than in previous years will be required this time by proponents to better quantify safety, financial, interoperability and sustainability benefits and likelihood of adoption to enable a better understanding by RISSB when prioritises its work program.
  - Train lighting and visibility standard (AS7531) was issued for public consultation early in 2022 and generated a lot of interest. The next round of consultation is on hold pending the outcomes of the train visibility trials being undertaken by Pacific National and Aurizon in conjunction with Monash University.
  - Damien noted that the current range of standards do not include many appropriate for light rail and it was agreed that there was definitely a gap in this area.
  - There is currently a call for development group members for the development of the standard to support In-cab audio and video recordings.
  - The RISSB Rail Safety Conference is scheduled for 3-4 May 2022 in Melbourne.
  - The RISSB Technology and Innovation conference is being held 8-9 March 2023 in Sydney.
  - Jesse Baker (General Manager Products and Innovation) provided a demonstration on the Australian Rail Risk Model (AARM) tool. It was noted that RISSB members get free access to this tool.

3. ARA's General Manager, Policy and Government Relations, Simon Bourke reported:
  - A Workforce Development Strategy has been finalised with five key objectives and will be launched at AusRail:
    1. **Leading industry voice** – advocacy
    2. **Exceptional member experience** – forums / mechanisms to bring the industry together e.g. hold networking industry events around country
    3. **Thriving, diverse and skilled workforce** – developed a new website "Working Rail" as a gateway to entice new workers and includes links to rail organisations advertising roles.
    4. **Productive, safe and efficient workforce**. Advocate for national and the harmonisation of standards and regulations for more efficiencies for both the rail industry and associated supply chain.
    5. **Sustainability resilient industry that benefits communities** – mapping the transport journey which will be a huge piece of work.
  
4. ONRSR's A/Senior Manager Risk & Analysis, Nadine Gewargis presented:
  - "A Decade of ONRSR – A Statistical Summary" – key highlights from 10 years as a fully-fledged national regulator.
  - Presentation is located on ONRSR's website <https://www.onrsr.com.au/industry-information/latest-news/decisions-delivery-and-data-a-decade-of-onrsr>
  
5. ONRSR's Chief Operating Officer, Peter Doggett reported:

#### **National Data Strategy**

- ONRSR hosted a 2 day workshop with the ARA and the external steering committee members to evaluate the experience so far and identify next steps for improvement

#### **Rail Safety Workers**

- ONRSR will not accept any definitions for rail safety workers that do not align with the RSNL.

#### **Safety Interface Agreements**

- ONRSR has spent considerable time working on strategies to get better alignment on understanding the common and shared safety risks between RIMs and RSOs.
- ONRSR will be facilitating a workshop between ARTC and RSO's who operate on the Illawarra Mountain as a test case to see how these interface agreements work in practice and if there are learning that can be rolled out nationally.

#### **Medicals**

- ONRSR is aware of different organisations classifying the same class of workers as having different medical standard requirements.
- More work to be done to better understand why there is a difference.

6. ONRSR's Executive Director | Policy, Reform and Stakeholder Engagement, Julie Bullas reported:
  - ONRSR has received a number of calls regarding the Cost Recovery model, as the date issued on the portal for lodgement of requirement management control

assessments is showing by 31st December, whereby ONRSR had asked for these to be submitted by 2nd December 2022. Operators have been asked to complete them as soon as they can, but they will be accepted up until 31st December 2022.

- The In-cab and video recording draft legislation is being considered by ITMM on 9th December in Canberra.
- ONRSR has been working with a small reference group in developing a draft guideline on Consultation Requirements. This guideline covers requirements for development and change to an operators SMS and the proposed requirements in relation to the installation and operators on in-cab audio and video recorders and it is anticipated this will be issued for public consultation early in new year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (subject to change).