
Summary of the CEO Industry Reference Group Meeting

6 August 2021

The key outcomes from the meeting include:

1. ONRSR's Chief Executive, Ms Sue McCarrey reported:
 - An update was provided on the Cost Recovery Model review. ONRSR is seeking Ministerial approval to change the timeline for implementation from 1 July 2022 to 1 July 2023. This delay will allow the National Rail Safety Data Strategy to be in place which feeds data into the model. Information sessions have been able to be held in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra and Perth. Face to face information sessions will be held in the other states as soon as borders reopen.
 - An update was provided on in-cab recordings. ONRSR are continuing to consult with stakeholders with the focus being on safety benefits.
 - The National Level Crossing Portal (NLXP), developed on behalf of the National Level Crossing Safety Committee, will be launched next week as part of Rail Safety Week.
 - The quality of Interface agreements between RIMs and RSOs are showing up as a concern in a number of investigations. ONRSR will be looking in more depth at interface agreements and reviewing the safety elements in the agreement.
 - SMC asked operators to ask themselves how they are assured that staff are following safety procedures. Serious incidents in the last 18 months has resulted in four driver fatalities. ONRSR are undertaking major investigations into these incidents and will share findings where appropriate.
 - ONRSR's 2021-22 budget has only increased by CPI, 0.8% with all other increases being absorbed. A one off COVID rebate of \$2.3m has been approved by Ministers and applied to industry fees for 2021-22.

2. RISSB's Chief Executive, Ms Deborah Spring reported:
 - RISSB has 124 members, over a 60% growth in membership across all classes in the last year.
 - Membership fees for FY 2021/22 have been reduced by 10%.
 - RISSB are now offering on-boarding sessions to assist members in how to best use RISSB's product and services and get maximum value from their membership. If organisations would like an on-boarding session, they can get in touch with Phil Allan or Jesse Baker to organize.
 - RISSB has delivered 16 ACOP projects and 7 major projects in accordance with its FY 2020-21 Work Plan.
 - RISSB's FY 2021-22 Work Plan includes the delivery of 21 ACOP projects and 11 Major Projects. Six of the Major Projects are part of the 3-year plan in the harmonisation stream of the National Rail Action Plan.
 - Version 5.0 of RISSB's Australian Rail Risk Model (ARRM), incorporating the annual data up-date and validation, has been completed. There has been a 21% increase in the usage of ARRM.
 - The Australian Level Crossing Assessment Model (ALCAM) successfully transitioned to RISSB on 18 June 2021.

- RISSB has run a successful Horizons 3.0 program with a record number of participants, over 60. Planning is underway for Horizons 4.0.
 - RISSB will be launching its Learning Express training courses with 4 on-line courses by the end of August. The four modules are Fundamentals of Risk Management, Introduction to Rail Safety, Rail Safety Worker Obligations, and Safety Critical Communications for Protection Officers/Track Force Protection Co-ordinators/Track Workers.
 - RISSB is targeting to release the National Track Worker Safety Induction course between October-December 2021.
3. ONRSR's Chief Operating Officer Mr Peter Doggett reported:
- An update was provided on the National Rail Safety Data Strategy. It is on track to be implemented and commence on 1 July 2022. Andreas Kornusch, National Manager Safety Assurance will be setting up meetings with organisation's data staff in the next few weeks to start the dialogue about the implementation of the new data requirements.
 - An overarching document for the data strategy which explains the history and what is achieved through the data strategy is in development, and will be finalised in the next couple of months. This will be a co-branded document with ONRSR and ARA.
 - ONRSR have issued a safety alert for long end leading, requesting all operators to undertake a risk assessment on this. ONRSR are very pleased that RIMS are taking this seriously and will be out in the field checking from August, with the exception of the Eastern states due to COVID, where this will be done as it becomes possible.
 - An internal project is underway for notices of accreditation. ONRSR are reviewing content and tidying up the notices. There will be no changes to permissions, the information is just being displayed in a simpler way. ONRSR will discuss accreditation notices one on one with operators.
4. ONRSR's Executive Director | Policy, Reform and Stakeholder Engagement Julie Bullas reported:
- An update was provided on the Cost Recovery model. The model still contains proxy data as the data for some sub-factors will not be available until the introduction of the data strategy in July 2022. In order to test the Management and Control and technology maturity sub factors ONRSR will be undertaking a pilot with a small number of volunteer organisations. Operators in the pilot will be from each tier and cover different types of operations.
 - An independent consultant Deloitte has been appointed to undertake the external independent validation of the proposed cost recovery model. The final report is expected by the end of August 2021.
 - Timeliness of reporting of Category A incidents continues to be a focus. JB requested that this be communicated through organisations to improve the time taken to report Category A incidents, which should be immediately and no longer than one hour following the incident.
 - ONRSR is publishing a new training package for New South Wales drug and alcohol testing authorised persons. It will be available on ONRSR's website within the next week.
 - Invoices for annual fees 2021-22 will be issued in September with payment due on 31 October 2021.
5. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 26 November 2021 (subject to change).