

Summary of the CEO Industry Reference Group Meeting

9 August 2019

The key outcomes from the meeting include:

1. ONRSR's Chief Executive, Ms Sue McCarrey reported:
 - ONRSR have undertaken their second stakeholder survey, which included 35 face to face interviews and an online survey which had a response rate of 51%.
 - Feedback from the stakeholder survey indicated that industry want ONRSR to produce more information on lessons learned from incidents and accidents. ONRSR is reviewing the application of section 244 to address these requests.
 - ONRSR advised that in relation to a finding from the stakeholder survey, the tourist and heritage sector requesting a greater emphasis on education and training for their sector, they are currently recruiting for a six month contract position to develop support material for the sector.

2. RISSB's A/Chief Executive Officer, Ms Deborah Spring reported:
 - RISSB will commence the recruitment process for their Chief Executive Officer in the next few weeks.
 - 42 products have been approved for the RISSB work program, 12 new reviews of existing documents, 5 new documents and 25 carry over documents.
 - RISSB is about to launch the 3rd release of ARRM.
 - RISSB will be issuing the draft of the National Rules early next year.
 - RISSB has expanded its training program to support its products. A new course, the Safety Critical Communications Course, will be offered next year with the first course scheduled for 29-30 January 2019, in Melbourne.
 - The RISSB Rail Safety Conference is being held in Sydney on 31 March – 1 April 2020.
 - RISSB plans on launching the proposed Fundamentals of Rail Safety Course in 2020.

3. The ARA's General Manager – Passenger and Corporate Services, Ms Emma Woods reported:
 - The ARA has provided an industry submission to the Productivity Commission review. It held four workshops around the country to get industry's views.
 - ARA are working with the National Transport Commission on the proposed changes to the definition of a rail safety worker.
 - ARA have contacted Transport Ministers, except Western Australia and South Australia who already have heightened penalties in place, to legislate for increased penalties for assaults on public transport staff.
 - Rail Safety Week will take place from 12-18 August 2019.
 - ARA are currently seeking a new Chief Executive Officer to replace Danny Broad who will transition to the role of Chair.
 - ARA helped co-ordinate 12 industry representatives to address Transport Ministers at the Industry Engagement Session on 2 August on the industry skills gap/strategy.

- Two key upcoming events for ARA are Inland Rail with ALC on 21-22 August 2019 (in excess of 250 people are registered to attend) and the Women in Rail lunch on 15 October 2019 in Brisbane.
4. ONRSR's Chief Operating Officer Mr Peter Doggett reported:
- ONRSR have filled three key positions; Director Operations Sydney office – Martin Jones, and Projects and Technical Program Director – Colin Holmes. Ty Graham has been appointed as Director Operations Melbourne office in preparation for transition on 1 October 2019 which is subject to legislation.
 - The National Operations Committee (NOC) are looking at how to be more reactive in the investigations space, with a review of their operating model to be undertaken. ONRSR will advise industry of any significant changes and their impacts.
 - NOC are reviewing the data held on all operators to inform their regulatory approach based on the size, complexity and safety record of the operator.
5. ONRSR's Executive Director, Policy, Reform and Stakeholder Engagement, Ms Julie Bullas reported:
- Work is commencing on recommendation 6 from the Drug and Alcohol review, to achieve a national ONRSR approach to drug and alcohol testing.
 - Work will be commencing in the next couple of months to prepare a comprehensive guideline on fatigue management, based on the draft Code that was developed as part of the fatigue management review.
 - The main issue in relation to the new reporting requirements from 1 July 2019 is the timeliness of reporting of category A notifications and the new prescribed incidents.
 - Work is progressing well in identifying a national data set as part of the implementation of the National Data Strategy. The Steering Committee is working towards undertaking full consultation during October and November 2019.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 29 November 2019 (subject to change).