

Summary of the Joint CEO Industry and Union Reference Group Meeting

11 August 2016

The key outcomes from the meeting include:

1. ONRSR's Chief Executive, Ms Sue McCarrey reported transition continues as one of the focusses, with:
 - Queensland on track to transition to ONRSR mid-2017.
 - Discussions continuing with the NSW Government on the removal of the Service Level Agreement (SLA); and
 - A Steering Committee established by the Victoria Government to review the current SLA.
2. RISSB's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Daly reported that the annual report is being prepared. Key focus areas include:
 - Continuing to develop and deliver standards and guidelines to a reformed project management process.
 - The development of an industry risk model is progressing rapidly and working towards the model becoming available in July 2017.
3. The ARA's, Mr Phil Allan reported:
 - The ARA has seen an increase in membership by around 10% which is also being reflected in attendance at various ARA hosted events.
 - The industry developed guideline on SPAD classification is being considered by the ONRSR as part of the review of ONS-1 and OCG-1 project.
4. The ONRSR's Drug and Alcohol (D&A) testing program continues with:
 - Alcohol testing only being undertaken in Victoria. Legislative changes are being worked through to enable drug testing to be undertaken.
 - Testing is yet to commence in Western Australia. Commitment to undertake confirmatory testing is being sought from the Western Australia Police.
 - Preliminary discussions have occurred with Queensland Police in preparation for transition.
 - The review of legislative framework for D&A management continues and a meeting with the ONRSR D&A Reference Group anticipated over the coming months.
5. The progress on the review of fatigue risk management arrangements under the Rail Safety National Law was noted with the key issues being mandated hours for train drivers in some states.
6. Work continues on the draft ONRSR *Rail Safety Worker Guideline* planned to be released for consultation soon.
7. The ONRSR continues to focus on safety improvements with advancement of RTO investigation reporting. Guidance material is being developed which will clearly set out ONRSR's expectations in relation to operator investigations. Consultation with industry will take place before any final document is issued.
8. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 December 2016 which will see a review of the Terms of Reference, including membership. Moving forward this review will be undertaken annually.