

Summary of the Joint CEO Industry and Union Reference Group Meeting

1 December 2016

The key outcomes from the meeting include:

1. ONRSR's Chief Executive, Ms Sue McCarrey reported
 - Ministerial Council approved the cost recovery model, which includes the major projects fee, at its November 2016 meeting.
 - An update was provided on the cost recovery model, noting that guidance material will be published in the first quarter 2017.
 - The ONRSR Rail Safety Report for 2015 to 2016 will be released by the end of December 2016.
 - A meeting was held with the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to discuss road rail interface agreements. ONRSR will be working closely with ALGA and local government authorities, over the next twelve months, to get agreements signed.
 - Queensland's transition date is 30 June 2017, subject to legislation being passed through Queensland Parliament.
 - Victoria is currently reviewing the Service Level Agreement (SLA), with a decision to be made by the Victorian Government early next year.
 - Work is proceeding on the removal of the SLA in NSW, including a submission to Fair Work Australia.

2. RISSB's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Daly reported:
 - The RISSB Board has appointed a new Chair, Ms Deb Spring.
 - The Risk Model is on schedule, with an anticipated go live date in mid-2017.
 - The RISSB Board has approved a new process for priority planning.

3. The ARA's, Mr Phil Allan reported:
 - The Safe Working Committee has held its first meeting in which they decided on their priority projects.
 - The ongoing work of the SPAD group, including the inclusion of light rail in the group.
 - A new Board has been elected at the ARA Annual General Meeting.
 - A proposal to hold a joint Safety Roadshow in 2017, aimed at smaller rail transport operators, including ONRSR, RISSB and ATSB. ONRSR supported this proposal.

4. ONRSR's Executive Director, National Operations reported:
 - The National Operations Committee (NOC) meets monthly with the next meeting being held 8 December 2016. Some of the topics for discussion include SPAD categorisation, ATSB Category A reporting issues, condition monitoring, and legal issues around general safety duties.
 - Attendance at the Competent Authorities Panel in Western Australia.

- The development of the 2020 Vision program, which will include the development of two key documents. The first is an external document 'The way we regulate'. The second is an internal document on the ONRSR operating model.
 - The Regulatory Activities – Purposes and Outputs document that will be made available to industry in early 2017.
5. ONRSR's proposal for biannual reporting of occurrence data was discussed, noting that ONRSR will discuss this proposal, including the inclusion of D&A data, with industry at the next Safety Managers Group meeting.
 6. The process of approving medical practitioners to undertake rail medical assessments was discussed, with ONRSR to follow up with the National Transport Commission the definition of a medical practitioner.
 7. The reporting of normalised industry drug and alcohol testing data against rail safety workers was discussed. Industry confirmed that it would like the data reviewed monthly and reported every six months. A discussion will be held at the next Safety Managers Group on how this can be achieved.
 8. The ONRSR *Rail Safety Worker Guideline* has been finalised and will be released in early December 2016.
 9. The combined *ONS1-OCG1* document will be released for public consultation in December 2016.
 10. The findings of the ONRSR Stakeholder Survey were discussed, with an update on addressing the survey recommendations to be provided at the March 2017 meeting.
 11. ONRSR provided an update on the work being undertaken as it progresses to a truly efficient and effective national regulator, and works toward delivery of the outcomes identified for the national reform.
 12. A reminder was given that the payment of annual fees is now overdue and payable immediately.
 13. The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the group were reviewed and endorsed. The group will now be referred to as the CEO Industry Reference Group, a combined industry and union meeting. The ToR will be reviewed every two years.
 14. The next meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2017.