

Summary of the CEO Industry Reference Group Meeting

3 August 2018

The key outcomes from the meeting include:

1. ONRSR's Chief Executive, Ms Sue McCarrey reported:
 - The National Rail Safety Data Strategy and action plan has been developed as a partnership between ONRSR, ARA and industry representatives. A Data Strategy Steering Committee is in place, involving ONRSR and industry to oversee the delivery of the strategy and action plan.
 - Work continues on the ONRSR online portal with 80 operators currently using the portal, with 100 still to commence. It is anticipated that the online portal will be rolled out to all operators in late August 2018.
 - The Victorian Government policy position to remove the service level agreement and for all light rail and remaining tourist and heritage operators to be regulated under the RSNL requires a change in Victorian legislation. A steering committee is in place to guide the transition.
 - The Cost Recovery review is continuing with ONRSR working closely with the reference group. There have been some major policy issues which are required to be addressed by governments and discussions are underway with jurisdictional governments.
2. RISSB's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Daly reported:
 - RISSB will be developing 55 products in 2018-19, with 36 going to market for approval and use. This includes all the products from the priority planning process, with the exception of the vehicle register which will still be progressed but as a separate project
 - RISSB has launched its Horizons Program for engineers/professionals under 35. The first group commenced on 1 August 2018 with 47 participants.
 - RISSB has published the world's first Rail Cyber Security Standard.
 - RISSB will be holding a Rail Cyber Security Conference on 11/12 September 2018. The Rail Cyber Security Strategy will be launched at the conference.
 - RISSB are looking to fast track 2 years of data into the risk model, so that the risk model data will be more current.
3. The ARA's General Manager – Passenger and Corporate Services, Ms Emma Woods reported:
 - ARA are reviewing their Strategic Plan, taking into consideration changes in technology and the future of rail transport.
 - ARA are undertaking a Skills Gap Analysis and have engaged external consultants BIS Oxford Economics. The review will identify the people and skills required to deliver the pipeline of works as well as the specific training to upskill and attract additional rail staff to ensure projects can be delivered.
 - A key ARA project is the Technology Route map, Smart Rail. The ARA is completing this with Deakin University and the Rail Manufacturing CRC. A workshop was held on 2 August with an action plan to be developed and presented at AusRAIL.

- ARA will be providing a late submission to the ONRSR Fatigue Review discussion paper. Industry have provided extensive input and the submission will include case studies developed by Deloitte Access Economics.
 - ARA have established a Rail Safety Data reference group to develop a list of national data that industry would benefit from having available as part of the Rail Safety Data Strategy.
 - ARA have been working constructively with the National Transport Commission in regards to Industry's proposal to narrow the Rail Safety Worker definition.
4. ONRSR's Executive Director, National Operations Mr Peter Doggett reported:
 - The ONRSR Way is being reviewed internally, what's working and what isn't. Industry is encouraged to provide feedback on The ONRSR Way.
 - ONRSR continues to participate in the National Rules Project.
 - ONRSR is currently assessing variation to accreditation applications for train crew reduction, and ensuring that all applications are assessed in a consistent manner.
 - ONRSR is looking to establish a single point of contact for operational issues with larger operators.
 - A main focus for ONRSR in its review of road rail vehicles is engineering equipment and competency of operators. On review of independent certifiers ONRSR has identified that a large percentage of industry work is being undertaken by the one certifier. Industry needs to be aware of the risk of having one certifier undertaking a large amount of work, and it was suggested that they may wish to review their independent certifier arrangements.
 5. The Committee noted that 11 submissions have been received for the Fatigue Review discussion paper, with 5 groups granted an extension for their submission.
 6. The Committee noted that significant work has been undertaken in collaboration with the reference group in developing the components of a national risk and regulatory effort cost recovery model. The first stage of socialisation of the cost recovery model is underway with government to address policy issues.
 7. The Committee noted that **not all** of the recommendations from the Drug and Alcohol testing arrangements review were accepted by Ministerial Council.
 8. The Committee noted the transfer of Category A notifications from ATSB to ONRSR is being progressed by ATSB and is not anticipated to come into effect before the fourth quarter of 2018. ONRSR and ATSB will ensure joint communications are undertaken prior to this transfer.
 9. The Committee noted the work being undertaken in relation to safety improvement priority projects, Tourist and Heritage Sector Safety Management Capability, and Track Worker Safety.
 10. The Committee noted the success of the first meeting of the Industry Investigation Sharing Forum held on 31 July with 22 attendees from a diverse group of operators.
 11. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday 30 November 2018.