

5 August 2022

ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting 1

Details

Meeting: Advisory Board

Location: Lismore

Date/time: 5 August 2022 8:00am – 11:00am

Advisory Board in attendance

1. Jane Laverty, Regional Director, Northern Rivers Business NSW
2. Sharon Cadwallader, Chair, Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
3. Peter Duncan, Commissioner & Deputy Chair, NSW Independent Planning Commission
4. Andrew Hall, CEO, Insurance Council of Australia
5. Darren Kershaw, Executive Chair, North Coast Aboriginal Development Alliance
6. Michael Rayner, Former General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, technical expert, Tweed community representative

7. Gary Barnes, Secretary Department of Regional NSW (Ex Officio)
8. Michael Cassel, Secretary, Department of Planning & Environment (Ex Officio)

Observer:

John Walker, General Manager Lismore Council

Guests:

The Hon. Paul Toole, Deputy Premier (via VC)

Introduction

- The NRRC Advisory Board met on 5 August 2022. All Board members were in attendance.
- The Welcome to Bundjalung Country was performed by Darren Kershaw

Stakeholder engagement and governance framework

- The Board discussed the importance of genuine stakeholder engagement and the need to ensure community and stakeholder information is embedded as a core input to the work program of the NRRC. The Board were encouraged to draw on their networks and stakeholders and feed this back into the NRRC. It was also noted that the Advisory Board is not the only mechanism through which the NRRC will engage the community. It was noted that ongoing and genuine stakeholder engagement will be critical to the NRRC's success.

Temporary Housing

- The current roll out of the temporary housing program and the Advisory Board views on limitations, challenges and options for housing was discussed.
- The Advisory Board agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting focused on housing in the coming weeks.

Future work program of the NRRC

- An overview of the proposed future work program of the NRRC was provided, noting future programs have not yet been finalised or agreed by NSW Government.
- Lessons and similarity from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority will be drawn on, and options presented to NSW Government.
- The Advisory Board discussed longer term strategic flood mitigation benefits for economic and land use outcomes.

Deputy Premier Update

- The Deputy Premier joined the meeting via video link. He noted the expertise of the Advisory Board and spoke to the role of the Board in pressure testing the ideas and solutions put forward by the NRRC.
- The Deputy Premier provided an update into the Independent Flood Inquiry noting that the report had been provided and Government is finalising the response.

Infrastructure Coordination Office (ICO)

- The Advisory Board was provided an overview of the ICO that has been established in the NRRC to coordinated public Infrastructure requirements. A master list of requirements has been developed that outlines the public infrastructure needs in the Northern Rivers for the next 3 years. A prioritisation process and framework has been adopted in consultation with NSW Government agencies and councils and a draft list will be complete by end August.