

23 November 2022

# ADVISORY BOARD

## Meeting 5

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### Details

Meeting: Advisory Board

Location: NRRC Office, 120 Dalley Street, East Lismore

Date/time: Wednesday, 23 November 2022, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

### Advisory Board in attendance:

- Chairperson: Rebecca Fox, Secretary, Department of Regional NSW
- Sharon Cadwallader, Chair, Northern Rivers Joint Organisation
- Peter Duncan AM, Commissioner & Deputy Chair, NSW Independent Planning Commission
- Andrew Hall, CEO, Insurance Council of Australia
- Darren Kershaw, Executive Chair, North Coast Aboriginal Development Alliance
- Jane Laverty, Regional Director, Northern Rivers Business NSW (VIA TEAMS)
- Mike Rayner, Former General Manager, Tweed Shire Council, technical expert, Tweed community member

### Observer:

- John Walker, General Manager, Lismore Council

### Guests:

- Marcus Ray, Deputy Secretary Planning, NSW Department of Planning and Environment
- Shaun Smith, A/Secretary, NSW Department of Planning & Environment

### Apologies:

- Michael Cassel, Secretary, NSW Department of Planning & Environment

### NRRC staff:

- David Witherdin, Chief Executive
  - Elysia Harradine, Policy Manager (VIA TEAMS)
  - Kieron Hendicott, Executive Director, Strategy, Planning & Development
  - Emily Holborow, Manager Communications & Stakeholder Engagement
  - Rowan Howarth, Director, Infrastructure Coordination Office (VIA TEAMS)
  - Hala Hubraq, Director Resilience & Adaptation
  - Gareth James, Executive Director, Program Delivery
  - Craig Jenkins, Director, Industry, Economic Recovery & Aboriginal Engagement
  - Kea Lambert, Project Officer Board Support
  - Alex Platt, Director, Business Operations, Governance & Performance
  - Adam Tyndall, Director, Strategy & Planning
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## Introduction

- The NRRC Advisory Board met on 23 November 2022. Apologies were received from Michael Cassel.
- An Acknowledgement of Country was performed by the Chair.
- Gary Barnes stepped down as participant observer. His contribution to the NRRC Advisory Board was acknowledged.
- Noted flooding in Central West NSW and expressed support for impacted communities.

## NSW Reconstruction Authority

- NSW Parliament passed legislation for establishment of the NSW Reconstruction Authority on 17 November 2022.

## Resilient Land Program update

- An update was provided on the Resilient Land Program including Landholder EOI and assessment of state government and council-owned land.
- NRRC's involvement in supply of community housing was outlined, including Memorandum of Understanding with Landcom and Lismore City Council to provide 24 units on Bristol Circuit in Goonellabah and 40 units on Cynthia Wilson Drive in Goonellabah.
- Recent work for a potential future housing development was also discussed.

## Resilient Homes Program update

- The Resilient Homes Program was announced on 28 October.
- NRRC's stakeholder engagement and communication activities to support rollout of the program were noted, including information sessions, media mentions and NRRC presence at Primex and Lismore markets. Upcoming engagements across the region were also noted.
- Key achievements and next steps were outlined.

## NSW Planning

- A presentation was delivered on the ways NSW Planning is supporting and complementing the work of NRRC.

## Infrastructure Coordination Office (ICO) update

- Recent activity updates of the ICO were presented including on the water and wastewater program, roads condition assessment, worker housing and project management resources supplementation.
- An update was provided on the ICO Working Group and recent industry engagement events.

## Living Lab Northern Rivers (LLNR)

- The LLNR is the result of a partnership between NRRC and Southern Cross University to provide key initiatives, concepts and analysis that will help inform reconstruction efforts in the Northern Rivers.

## Northern Rivers Cultural Renewal and Recovery Strategy

- Recent work and plans to support the arts and cultural sector were presented to the Board, including NRRC partnership with Create NSW. This partnership will support the recovery of the industry and invest in creative endeavours to boost local businesses and bring vitality back to the region.

## General business

- A discussion was had regarding the supply and uptake of temporary modular homes (pods).