

HVNL Review – Expert Panel

Meeting Record

Melbourne, 14 March 2019

Participants

Chair: Peter Harris

Members: Sharon Middleton, Andrew Ethell, Gary Mahon (dial-in), Gary Liddle

NTC: Paul Davies, Tania Wilson, Josie Thomas (agenda item 3 only)

Apologies: Louise Bilato

Agenda Items

1. Previous minutes, actions
 2. Correspondence for the Panel
 - The Expert Panel noted the approach to table correspondence for the Panel at each meeting.
 - **ACTION 2.1 (NTC):** Maintain a list of subject matter experts for the Panel to contact if and when needed.
 - **ACTION 2.2 (CHAIR):** Respond to ALMA acknowledging offer to provide specialist advice to the Panel.
 - **ACTION 2.3 (CHAIR):** Respond to the NRFA regarding the Expert Panel meeting record of 30 January 2019.
 3. Overview of risk-based regulation paper
 - **GUIDANCE NOTE 2.1:** The Expert Panel noted the structure and content of the first issues paper. The Panel advised to keep the language accessible and to ensure the next steps and consultation opportunities are clear. The Panel also advised the NTC to make sure issues and proposals were fleshed out in detail in the published paper.
 4. Updates for Ministerial Council
 - **GUIDANCE NOTE 2.2:** The Expert Panel noted and supported the NTC's proposal to formally extend the time for the policy stages of the HVNL review. The Panel will indicate their support for the extended timeframe in their advice to Council (see agenda item 6).
 - **ACTION 2.4 (NTC):** Provide further information to the panel on the key decision points under the revised timeline and where the opportunities are to engage with the government process.
 5. Panel guidance and advice
 - **ACTION 2.5 (AE):** Write to the NHVR seeking an update on their current permit systems, road manager networks and other complementary mechanisms.
 6. Panel advice to the Council
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- **ACTION 2.6 (PANEL):** The Expert Panel agreed to develop advice by the end of April, to be presented to the Transport and Infrastructure Council at the next formal opportunity.
 - **ACTION 2.7 (NTC):** Advise the Expert Panel on the timeframes for future Council meetings.

7. NTC advice on coverage of policy points

- **GUIDANCE NOTE 2.3:** The Panel highlighted the need to ensure there is flexibility in regulations to deal with technical, business or other disruptions.

8. Other business

- **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday April 16 (TBC)
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