



## Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

### Meeting No. 50

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

14-15 December, 2015

Venue: The Adelaide Pavilion, South Terrace, Adelaide

#### Statement of Acknowledgement

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today.*

*We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country.*

*We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here today.*

In Attendance:	
<b>AW NRM Board Members</b>	Parry Agius (Presiding Member), Mima Smart, Brian Queama, Mick Haynes, Gary Lewis, Debbie Hansen, Rose Lester
<b>NR AW Staff</b>	Matthew Ward (Regional Manager), Bruce Macpherson (Community Engagement), Thuy Phan (Business & Partnerships), Timothy Moore (Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability), Casey Reynolds (Trainee), Executive Officer
<b>Guests</b>	Minister Hunter (and advisors), John Schutz, Group Executive Director DEWNR
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ian Crombie, Michael Garrod (DEWNR)

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

##### ***Pre-Ministerial Meeting Discussion from 9.00am***

##### ***(The Hon Ian Hunter Minister for Sustainability, Environment & Conservation attending 9.45am)***

Presiding Member Mr Parry Agius welcomed AW NRM Board members, guests and NR AW Staff to Meeting 50 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board (the Board).

Mr Agius declared the meeting open and acknowledged the area's traditional Aboriginal custodians, past and present. An overview of the Agenda for Meeting 49 was provided, and the Board were asked for any additional items for discussion.

Mr Agius advised the Board that the Minister was attending as this is the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board. General discussion around Agenda items.

Matt Ward advised a Media Release had been sent out this morning relating to the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board.

The Board discussed a series of questions for the Minister for discussion during his visit.

##### ***Guests: Minister Hunter and Advisor Lucy Jensen***

Mr Agius welcomed the Minister on behalf of the Board and advised there was a brief presentation which had been prepared, followed by a series of questions for discussion.

(refer presentation)

The Minister thanked the Board for inviting him to the Meeting and offered congratulations on the Board's 50<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion around the importance of 'connective-ness', connections to people and country and the work that goes into governance. AW NRM Board one of the best examples of Governance in the Far West community. Nature based tourism developing over next 2 years. Resources will be forthcoming for tourism, what packages can AW offer? Unique opportunities which can be offered?

**Questions for the Minister:** (as decided by the AW NRM Board)

1. Equitable distribution of NRM Funds - NRM Boards self-funding to an extent based on levies. For some time government has been giving NRM Boards subsidies. Boards to stand on their own feet. Also recognises some Boards are not self-sustaining so will continue to fund into the future as in the past. Other NRM Board to think about how they can help other NRM Boards in terms of other expenses. Must be some shared abilities.
2. 6 sites nominated for nuclear waste dumps – no consultation from commonwealth govt to date. Leaseholder has nominated their site to the govt with no consultation.
3. Feral camel situation – no commonwealth consultation. State Aboriginal Affairs Minister handling. MoU signed earlier in the year between SA and NT. Feasibility study being conducted re: marketing and culling
4. Climate Change – challenge for all of us. Projections for region have been extreme for AW Region up to 2-3 degrees. Consider research ie. Goyder. Climate Adaptation Plans being conducted – think about an Adaptation Plan with Communities – decide what the impacts might be. What does the Region need – prepares people to think about Climate Change and it's impacts. Engage with DEWNR. Plans well developed.
5. Financial Commitment – no further commitment than what already exists. Last budget discussions involved those Boards who require support. See point 1. Share resources, share expertise. Think about Nature based Tourism. Already have developed program.
6. Indigenous Employment Training – rely on aboriginal employment and connection to country. Strategy to improve to get over-representation through procurement and contracting. Regional development funding base a requirement for Aboriginal employment – across Govt.

On behalf of the AW NRM Board, the Presiding Member thanked Minister Hunter for attending the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board, and acknowledged the comments as provided.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

The Agenda for AW NRM Board Meeting 50 was adopted and there were no declared conflicts of interest.

## **3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Summary of Minutes & Actions of Meeting 49, held in Adelaide 31 August – 1 September, 2015 were reviewed and discussed. The Minutes & Summary of Minutes of Meeting 48 were adopted without amendment. Matt Ward provided an overview of the letter sent to the Minister indicating the outcomes of Meeting 49.

**Moved by: Rose Lester  
Seconded by: Mima Smart**

## **4. Board Report - Presiding Member**

### ***Parry Agius, Presiding Member, AW NRM Board***

The Presiding member provided an overview of his role and activities since the last meeting (Meeting 49):

- Attended Indigenous Advisory Council Meeting in Sydney

Discussion around what the Indigenous Advisory Council does. Recommendation from Presiding Member to invite Warren Mundine to meet with the Board to develop relationship.

**Action: Presiding Member to write letter to Senator Nigel Scullion and Indigenous Advisory Council to invite to attend meeting with the Board to establish relationship**

- Met with NFCRC Commissioner
- Gave evidence at a public hearing for the NFCRC
- Met with New Zealand Indigenous Education Trust to hear about their model and look at partnership with the Board
- Chaired Audit and Risk Committee Meeting with Rose Lester and Mick Haynes
- Reviewed Service level Agreement between Board and DEWNR
- Daily correspondence with Regional Manager and Executive Officer

- Ongoing input and support into current Board Meeting Agenda and delivery
- Attended PM's Forum in November – provided comment on Australia Government investment in NRM document, Relationship with local Government Association.

Outcomes:

- Well Governed Board
- Ongoing well governed and constructive relationship with DEWNR
- Ensuring money will be spent in partnership with DEWNR
- Improvements in financial reporting
- Raised profile with NFCRC and our role and good community consultation outcomes

**Recommendations:**

1. The Board note the report of the Presiding Member
2. The Board discuss with the Presiding Member any of the issues raised in the report

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board note and accept the Presiding Members Report for Meeting 50

**Moved:** Michael Haynes

**Seconded:** Brian Queama

## 5. Manager Report – Regional Manager

*Matthew Ward, Regional Manager*

Matthew Ward provided an overview of purpose of the report, progress towards Schedule 5, and key activities as indicated in the Regional Managers Report: (refer to report)

**Action:** Communications Coordinator to align Palya Newsletter with entities in the AW Region as per Palya Kalkuni ie. FWC, MT, APY etc. Place symbols on cover of Newsletter and Business Cards

- Overview of Schedule 5 provided
- Update on MoUs with Stakeholders provided: Yalata ongoing, APY to be drafted

**Action:** Regional Manager/Presiding Member to write to General Manager APY Richard King and Chair APY Executive to reignite MoU discussions

- MT – agreed to progress - looking for date with new GM

**Action:** Regional Manager/Presiding Member to write to GM of MT (Oak Valley Council) and Yalata Council letter of congratulations (new Board, new Chair). Invite new GM for Yalata to next AW NRM Board meeting

- ALT – need to establish relationship with new Executive

**Action:** Write letter to new Chair and CEO ALT with invitation to meeting to establish relationship with new Executive

Partnership with DEWNR: DEWNR SLA signed

AW NRM Board Emerging Strategic Issues:

- Role of NRM Boards: Relationship at a National Level and National Landcare \$\$\$, New Regional Managers
- Presiding Members: Role is evolving, NRM Model
- Nature Based Tourism (DEWNR)
- Aboriginal Economic Participation Taskforce (Aboriginal Affairs)
- MoU with SA and NT (Camel Management, Nature Based Tourism)

DEWNR more broadly: DEWNR Policy lead on Aboriginal participation and Reconciliation

- DEWNR Reconciliation Action and Aboriginal Engagement Action Plan
- Senior Officers Group on Aboriginal Affairs
- Aboriginal Economic Participation Taskforce
- Premier's Thriving Community Initiative

**Recommendation:** AW NRM Board note and accept the Regional Manager's Report for Meeting 50

**Moved:** Michael Haynes

**Seconded:** Brian Queama

**All in Favour**

## 7. Manager Report – Regional & Business Partnerships

### *Thuy Phan (Manager Regional & Business Partnerships)*

Role and background of the Manager, Regional and Business Partnerships provided:

Key role outcomes from Schedule 5 overviewed.

Outcomes and overview of Audit and Risk committee meeting held on 26 November:

- **The 2015-16 SLA between the AW Board and DEWNR**

New Corporate Services model – flat fee per FTE of \$21,699.

New fee of \$31,875 known and NRM Land Levy Fee – currently being disputed. Discussion around letter sent to GED DEWNR querying fee. Reply pending.

- **The Board's current financial situation as at 30 November 2015**

AW Service cost based on SLA overviewed 2014-15 v 2015-16 viewed.

- **The result of 2014-15 audited financial statements**
- **The A&R Term of Reference**

AW NRM Board Audit and Risk Committee recommended the Presiding Member sign the DEWNR SLA with a letter to John Schutz office. Reply pending.

- AW Financial situation at 30 November 2015 overviewed. Snapshot of AW Region Funding for 2015-16 and AW Board Income 2015-16 viewed and discussed. Reductions in expenses and fees for Board, DEWNR Cost, Vehicles and Travel and placed in Fee for Service and Supplies and Services.
- Updated budget 2015-16 viewed (projected expenses). AW Financial Report as at 30 November 2015 viewed and discussed.
- Summary of Income for Board, People, Country and Water as at 30 November viewed. Board's expenses is projected to come within budget.
- People – Income, Expenditure and Commitment viewed (as at 30 November 2105). No issue in term of expenditure for people at this stage. Community services includes \$74k S&W, C
- Country – Income, Expenditure and Commitment viewed (as at 30 November 2105) viewed. No issue in term of expenditure for Country Community services cost is all for Community contractors

Result of 2014-15 audited financial statements (finalised 30 November). No issues raised. Issues raised to the Board during 2014-15 Interim Audit will be followed up in 2015-16 – signing of SLA (not finalised until June 2015), and Conflict of Interest Declarations.

Audit and Risk Terms of Reference. Recommendations from the Committee:

- Remove Sydney Chamberlain from the A&R ToR
- Seek nominations from the Board for replacement at Board Meeting #52

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board nominate a temporary member to attend the next Audit & Risk Committee Meeting in March 2016. Nomination - Mima Smart

*Moved: Brian Queama  
Seconded: Debbie Hansen  
All in favour*

### **Recommendations:**

- The AW NRM Board note the progress of 2015-16 SLA between the AW Board and DEWNR
- The AW NRM Board note and approve the updated budget 2015-16 and financial reports as at 30 November 2015
- The AW NRM Board note the result of audited financial statements 2014-15
- The AW NRM Board approve the recommendations from A&R Committee to remove and replace former Audit & Risk Committee member Sydney Chamberlain

**Motion:** The Recommendations as provided by the Manager, Regional and Business Partnerships were noted and accepted by the AW NRM Board

*Moved: Brian Queama  
Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

## 8. Regional Update APY

### *Timothy Moore, Manager Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability*

NRM Activities for period Jun to December 2015 reviewed and discussed. Progress and Budgets reviewed for the following activities: Large Feral Herbivore control, Weed Management (Buffel), Fire Management, Threatened Species Monitoring, regional Landcare Facilitator, MoU's (APY), Pastoral Monitoring, supporting Traditional Owners in sustainable land management practices, Healthy Country Planning, and Kanpi Nyapari.

## 9. Manager Report – Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability

### *Timothy Moore, Manager Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability*

#### **Acting Chair, Rose Lester**

Update provided re: progress towards role outcomes and schedule 5. Background and role overviewed.

Rose queried how the APY Pastoral Working Group (cattle business) were put together. Discussion around ToR and what outcomes were desired by Anangu (see below).

#### **Overview of Governance:**

- Ensuring board financial and program reporting and planning complete in a timely well governed manner.
- Approval to develop internal systems for planning, budgeting and reporting in new business system
- Part of this work is to get right staffing structure – work in progress
- Looking to commit next years budget and staffing by April – will look to present investment plans to Board in first quarter 2016.

Discussion around structure of management for programs and community requirements. Need for a policy to work with Community and through APY. AW priorities are around clarity around getting Manager role and Ops Manager.

**Motion:** AW NRM Board in partnership with NR AW will work to develop a policy to operate in APY region that enables appropriate resources to be invested to empower communities in the region in all matters relating to natural and cultural resource management.

*Moved: Gary Lewis  
Seconded: Mick Haynes*

**Action:** Develop policy to operate in APY Region that enables appropriate resources to be invested to empower communities in the region in all matters relating to natural and cultural resource management

#### **Sustainable development:**

- Pastoral working group in APY: PDL holders, representatives of Executive, government, NRAW all meeting to discuss why cattle business not succeeding in creating jobs, food security, taking care of country
- Third meeting held September 2015, agreed to works plan 2015-16 including:
  - Natural Resource Audit: where are fires, weeds, feral problems, where is important biology that needs to be taken care of?
  - Sustainable Pastoral Development Plan: 10 year strategy

Two plans: Plan One: keep everything the same- what does it look like in ten years? Plan Two: how can Anangu Pastoral business have its own cattle? What does it look like in ten years compared to your vision?

Sustainable Pastoral Development Plan – findings reported to APY Executive December 9 2015. Country, cattle, feral animals, debt, management, labour, agistment contracts and agistors.

- Identified all of the challenges the pastoral business faces
- Response back from APY Executive was the report needs to be presented to PDL holders
- Concern that agistors pay money to eat grass and go away and sell cows and make money
- Some discussion that PDL holders will “go and start their own cattle business”
- Final report expected in February 2016- “don’t do anything just yet”

Discussion around APY Executive and the AW NRM Board relationship ie. Supporting role to get better outcomes. Perhaps to facilitate cattle management workshops? Enterprise Learning Projects are good at identifying issues with small business.

CSIRO consultant would like to come and present to key stakeholders in Adelaide in January 2016. For Board consideration.

**Threatening Processes:**

Ferals, muster up big mobs, NCC truck them to Peterborough, sell off undersized ones, NCC are looking to start came farm – may want some young ones. Discussion around culling process/muster. Apara Spring bad situation at the moment.

Buffel grass invasion – seeking funding from Native Vegetation council for first year of program to develop community capacity to take care of country and employment opportunities.

**Tourism Strategy:**

**Water:**

**Other Strategic Issues:**

**End of IPA and WoC funding in 2017/End of National Landcare Program 2017**

**Recommendations:**

- **Note and discuss the Report of the Manager, Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability**
- **Discuss the WoC/IPA ranger concept**
- **Invite the consultants doing the Sustainable Pastoral Development Program to present the results to the next Board meeting**

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board note and accept the recommendations provided by the Manager, Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability

*Moved: Rose Lester  
Seconded: Brian Queama*

**Action:** Tim Moore to invite consultants working on the Sustainable Pastoral Development Program to present their results to the AW NRM Board at the next meeting.

Tim provided invitation to Board members (or community members) to go on-country to visit sites which haven't been seen for some time. Recommendation for Scott Caine to come and meet with the Board to discuss further.

## 10. Australian Government Update

***Paul Francis - Update from the Australian Government***

Paul thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide and update.

National Landcare Project – no real update available at this time. Some AW projects funded through the program – very happy with the level of engagement and achievements. High level of confidence that things are tracking as well as they should be.

Future funding; post June 2018 too early to anticipate. No indication to date. Need to be thinking about future programs (after 2018). Working closely with DEWNR and the Board. Presentations made to Canberra recently making a case for further investment. Only funding opportunities are 20 Million Trees and the Green Army Program – no other significant investments taking place at the moment. AW Board very good at reporting achievements which is very important. Next year election year – decisions will then be made.

Request for questions which can be taken back to Canberra: nil provided.

Rose provided thanks to Paul Francis for the update as provided.

Matthew Ward queried the potential for next contract to be able to engage other stakeholders and if any assistance could be offered in relation to dovetailing into tourism strategy.

The AW NRM Board thanked Paul for his attendance and update as provided.



## 11. Annual Review of Palya Kalkuni with NR AW

*Matthew Ward, Regional Manager*

Palya Kalkuni between AW NRM Board and NR AW Staff reviewed and discussed.

Changes to existing Palya Kalkuni include:

- 2 days' notice for changes to travel/accommodation
- Set meetings 3 months in advance or as required
- Current mileage rates apply but variations will be updated and advised
- No meal allowance will be payable to members if family rooms are booked.

**Action:** Palya Kalkuni between AW NRM Board and NR AW staff to be updated to reflect changes made during review at Meeting 50 (see above)

New Induction Manual to be reviewed and distributed at next meeting. Palya Kalkuni to be reviewed again in 12 months' time.

# Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 50

Day 2 – Tuesday 15 December, 2015

Meeting Opened at 9.00am

## 12. Regional Update – Maralinga Tjarutja

### *Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement*

Background and overview of activities provided.

- MLUCP Co-management Board established 2004
- 2007-08 construction of Land Management Building
- 2012-13 AWNRM Board contracted MT to deliver a number of on-ground activities.
- 2013-15 Nathan Williams supporting regular joint activities with the MT Community
- Linking Co-management Board and Tjuntjuntjara into MT planning
- 2015-16 Community Development Program – Co-management Funding Coordinator and Programs.
- Mamungari Compliance Training and Audit Trip (Sept 2015)
- Signage audit within Mamungari Conservation Park

### **Current and Planned Programs:**

- Full-time Supervisor in place Nov 2015
- Regional approach to on-Park work with Yalata and Tjuntjuntjara
- Mamungari Work twice per year before Mamungari Board meetings
- Continued regular NRAW support with Buffel control and cultural trips
- Coordinated program linked to external programs (Botanical Gardens etc)
- Involvement in Regional Training Program
- Paid employment linked to skills development

Moving toward a Land Management Program reflecting AW NRM Board priorities:

- Regional approach to Work Plans
- Work recognised by Competency Based Training Outcomes
- Federal, State and Local priorities reflected in and guided by HCP sessions

### **Recommendations:**

1. **The AWNRM Board note the report on the Boards engagement with Yalata and MT**
2. **Invitation to be extended to the new CEO, Yalata Community Council to attend the next AW NRM Board Meeting**

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board note the report and accept the recommendations as provided by the Manager, Community Engagement

**Moved:** Mima Smart  
**Seconded:** Gary Lewis

**Action:** Regional Manager/Presiding Member to send letter of invitation to new CEO Yalata Community Council to the next AW NRM Board Meeting

Matthew Ward requested the Board provide feedback as to current Yalata Council activities, viewpoints, requirements. Mima Smart advised possible two Councils to operate in Yalata – to work together. Community dissent/dissatisfaction with activities as conducted by ALT.

**Action:** Presiding Member to send letter of invitation to ALT Chair and CEO to next AW NRM Board meeting to develop relationship

Mick Haynes advised change of Directors in CAC. Peter Miller now new Chair of FWCAC and is no longer on Chair of CAC. New Directors are: Simon Prideaux (Chair), Corey McLennan, Peter Miller, Oscar Richards, Heather Coleman, Dionne Haynes, Colleen Prideaux.



### 13. Regional Update - Yalata

#### *Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement*

##### **Guest Chair: Mima Smart**

Overview of engagement activities for 2014-15 provided:

- Next review for CFOC programs due Feb 2016. Conclusion of CFOC Coastal Budget June 2016
- AW NRM Board is to focus on more Regional approach to Training and Work offers
- Whale of a Day completed, 2 Marine Debris Surveys completed, Mulloway Recreations Fishing Surveys partially completed one, Shorebird Threat Assessments partially completed.

Planning Process 2016:

- Reduction in Contracts and work under Coastal Grants June 30
- Review long term coastal research to be considered for Landcare funds
- Focus on individual skills development and recognition through Training Strategy linked to Work
- Joint approach to work and Training with MT Work Crew

Other strategic issues:

- Desley Culpin is new CEO Yalata Community Council – meeting scheduled with Council for early February 2016
- Baseline Training Survey and Joint training and work schedule is planned for the first quarter for 2016
- CFOC Coastal Program funding ends June 30 2016 – meeting planned for February to review work done and develop joint work plan. Focus on long term priority for Science work

Marine Debris Art Program 2014-15 – program held with CAC Ceduna Arts Centre, Yalata Women and Ghost Nets Artists from Cairns. The whale goes to Monaco! This year's program to be run by Trainee Latisha Richards with support from CAC and Ghost Nets using funds from sale and CFOC Coastal funds.

Discussion around AW NRM Board and Yalata Council capacity for working together. Relationship to be developed with Aboriginal Lands Trust in future.

Discussion around AW NRM Board and APY Executive. Next meeting with APY Executive to discuss Policy under MoU. Gary Lewis requested a meeting between and the Chairs to meet in Alice Springs to discuss issues. Board to consider leaders and wider communities and ways to assist Gary provide relevant information to APY Executive.

### 14. Regional Update – Far West Coast and Marine Parks

#### *Matthew Ward on behalf Yasmin Wolf, Manager Co-management and Public Lands (absent)*

##### **Guest Chair: Mick Haynes**

Update and overview of activities of Far West Coast Co-management Boards and Committees provided:

- Overview of Co-management Boards and Advisory Committees, meeting schedules, roles and rights of the Boards/Committees
- Key activities – HCP to continue in 2016 with 3 park management plans being finalised in 2017, Compliance Trip on MLUCP,
- Tallaringa – HCP, final draft to be presented late Feb 2016 for endorsement.
- AW NRM Board Presiding Member met with Mamungari, Yumburra and Nullarbor members for discussion on MoU to be developed.
- Nature Based Tourism Workshop held.
- CE, GED and DEWNR leaders visited region in June 2015. Country Cabinet to be held in APY during April 2016.

**Recommendation:** The AW NRM Board note the content of the Report of the Manager, Co-management and Public Lands

**Moved: Mima Smart**  
**Seconded: Brian Queama**

Matthew Ward advised it may be beneficial to invite the facilitator of Healthy Country Plans to AW NRM Board for insight into HCP process.

**John Schutz, Group Executive Director, Partnerships and Stewardships**

Group Executive Director Mr John Schutz arrived and addressed the Board. He acknowledged the traditional owners, and offered congratulations to the Board on their 50<sup>th</sup> meeting. Review of where the Board has come from and how much has been achieved re: planning network, leadership by the Presiding Member and Regional Manager for the Region, support and leadership for other groups. Mr Schutz advised the Board should be very proud of their progress, and how much has been achieved. Connected to the Region and Communities. Connection with Community and bringing things to the Board for discussion for good outcomes. Range of challenges in the Region ie. distance and funding, greater outcomes than other Boards are achieved. Building capacity in Communities. Future opportunity for development in communities through Nature Based Tourism. AW NRM Boards approach to water activities and park management planning is very good. Leaders of other Regions in the approaches and activities the Board conducts. Kylie Jonasson (first Assistant Secretary, Biodiversity Conservation Division, Dept of Environment) visiting in early 2016 to discuss commonwealth investment in Aboriginal Engagement/capacity building. Looking forward to 2016 as the Board is well placed to gain good outcomes. Good progress has been made with Aboriginal engagement. Co-management meeting coming up in February 2015 – be good to have AW NRM Board involved. Leadership and strategic approach. Link to Co-management bodies through Regional Manager, enhanced engagement with Community and leaders has provided more continuous approach to outcomes.

Discussion around funding for IPA programs in APY. John advised the need for clarity about what the issues are and what can be done about them. Matt Ward has already had discussions with Kylie Jonasson. Need for recognition of process and funding requirements behind developing IPA programs. John advised that AW NRM Board may be able to gain better outcomes for IPA's in APY if funding is directed/controlled.

On behalf of the AW NRM Board, Michael Haynes thanked Mr Schutz for attending the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board, and acknowledged the comments provided.

## 15. OTHER STRATEGIC BUSINESS

**Matthew Ward, Regional Manager**

### 15.1 Review of Plant Declarations

(refer to presentation)

Review of declared plants conducted by Biosecurity. Reviews involve current declarations, risk analysis and feasibility of containment, draft plant policies, and public consultation. Proposal to declare 5 more plants: Alisma, Coastal Tea Tree, Dune Onion Weed, Giant Reed, and Parrot Feather.

**Recommendation:** The AW NRM Board endorse Biosecurity to undertake Public Consultation on the Fourth phase of new and revised declared plant policies under the *NRM Act (2004)*

**Moved: Mick Haynes  
Seconded: Mima Smart  
All in favour**

### 15.2 DEWNR 5 Year Water Work Plan

(refer to presentation)

Update provided on how DEWNR is managing Water. Work plan for 2015 updated. No impact for AW NRM Board. DEWNR will continue to issue Water Affecting Activity permits. Ongoing communication around agency support is required. Water Steering Committee now formed, Business Model to be further developed in 2016.

Michael Haynes suggested that plans be implemented around water use in community. To be discussed further in 15.6.

**Recommendation:** that the AW NRM Board note the Five Year Work Plan for Water Resource Management: Annual Review and Update 2015

**Moved: Mick Haynes  
Seconded: Brian Queama  
All in favour**

### 15.3 Return on Investment / Wellbeing / Reporting

Background on reporting to Australian Government provided. Important measure to demonstrate key aspects of the NRM Act. Not currently reporting on Economic and Social outcomes. Opportunity between now and 2018 (next Landcare contract) for the Board to consider new reporting. Suggestion to set a policy direction:

**'In undertaking work that fixes up country, we create benefit in many ways. We will seek to understand and measure the change we create for society and the impact we make for people for communities, for the environment, and for culture when we undertake any NRM work in our region'**

**Action: Policy on Return on Investment to be developed and presented at next Board Meeting.**

Suggestion for Board to request a dedicated project. Board involvement requested around what is important to measure, capture ideas, and partnership opportunities. Desired outcome is 'a well-resourced and partnered approach for monitoring and evaluation which we will use for future which captures the Social, environmental, and economic value, for looking after country'.

Discussion around what aspects to measure. Considerations include:

- Measuring people's health and stress levels
- Household incomes
- Number of people remaining on country (in particular older people) ie. healthy and can stay on country
- Success rate of numbers of kids in schools/completing high school

Parry Agius requested the Board consider directions for the next 12 months, next three years, and next 5 years.

**Motion: NR AW initiates a dedicated project to develop monitoring and evaluation tools with a view to 2018 which supports the Boards policy on measuring social, economic, and environmental outcomes**

**Motion: NR AW investigates new tangible opportunities and partnerships and new initiatives in APY and FWC to better capture and demonstrate the value of returning people to country**

**Moved: Rose Lester  
Seconded: Gary Lewis  
All in favour**

### 15.4 Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission (2<sup>nd</sup> Submission)

Background and update provided. Presentation was made at last Board meeting with NFCRC and it was noted by the Board that this was the first time they had the opportunity to discuss as a collective. It was resolved to write a second submission outlining that in representing the community's view that the region should be a Nuclear Free Zone. A letter was drafted by the NR AW Regional Manager, and reviewed by the Board for comment (see attachment). Amendments were made to the letter.

**Recommendation: The AW NRM Board consider the content of the draft 2<sup>nd</sup> submission to the NFCRC, and approve the letter to be sent**

**Moved: Rose Lester  
Seconded: Brian Queama  
All in favour**

### 15.5 Australian Government 20% Funding

Background to paper provided. Programs have been reviewed and assessed with around 45% of funds going to community Programs.

**Recommendation: that the Board note the % of Landcare Funding which is directed to community and community programs**

**Moved: Mima Smart  
Seconded: Brian Queama**

### 15.6 Update from Last Board Meeting

Background provided (following on from Strategic Planning Session at Meeting 49). Discussion on what the Board would like to work on ie. extra strategic priorities. 8 new roles decided upon at Meeting 49 focusing on 3 roles for further determination. AW NRM Board 2015-18 Priorities viewed including; Implement Regional NRM Plan, Diversity Funding Opportunities, Leadership and Governance. Work Plan reviewed (refer to presentation).

**Recommendation: The AW NRM Board – approve 2015-18 Priorities, approve the Work Plan for 2015-16, to be reviewed in May 2016**

**Moved: Michael Haynes  
Seconded: Mima Smart**

## 16. Board Correspondence to note

An overview of the Board Correspondence was provided, with the following item noted for discussion:

- Nil items noted for discussion

## 17. Action Items and Business Arising

The list of Board Actions were reviewed (Refer to *AW NRM Board Actions Spreadsheet*). Ongoing and Completed Actions discussed with some items tabled for further discussion throughout the meeting.

## 18. Other Business

Overview of discussions to be held on Day 3 (MoU development with Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation).

## 19. Communications – Key Messages from Meeting 50

### KEY MESSAGES:

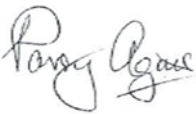
- The Board discussed approval for a letter to be sent to the NFCR Commission
- Update provided by the Australian Government
- Commitment to APY communities –agreed to develop a policy and NRM Delivery
- Minister attended Meeting 50 (thank you!), encouraging statements
- Audit and Risk Committee findings were positive and financial statements reviewed
- GED John Schutz attended and provided positive statements
- The Marine Debris Whale has been purchased and transported to Monaco – worldwide attention
- Update on APY Pastoral Business provided
- Noted Ministers comment/directions on Nature Based Tourism
- Moving towards a more sophisticated reporting mechanism which will report on social and economic wellbeing
- Significant milestone – 50th meeting
- Workshop held on Day 3 with Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation re: development of MoU

## 20. Meeting Close & Next Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, AW NRM Chair Parry Agius provided thanks to members for their attendance and contribution, and NR AW Staff for supporting the Board with their meeting requirements. The meeting was then declared closed at 4.00pm on Tuesday 15 December, 2015.

- The next AW NRM Board meeting will be held: in **Coober Pedy 8-9 March, 2016**

**Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:**



**Date:**

**08 / 02 / 2016**