

JULY 2009 –NORTH EAST WATER BOARD MEETING

Overview from Department of Sustainability and Environment – Office of Water

The Board was provided with an overview of the recent, current and proposed activities of the Office of Water.

Allan McPherson (Executive Director, Water Industry Division) explained the role of the Office of Water and its plans to help water corporations implement best-practice governance. He also discussed business performance, the role of Board, Board performance and the Director appointment process, internal Board reviews, community engagement and relationships with stakeholders.

Mr McPherson intends to attend on Board meeting each year and meet the Chair at least twice a year.

Review of Board committees and governance responsibilities

The Board endorsed a new Board Charter, which incorporated a number of recommendations by an internal Governance Working Group, including the development of new induction program for new Board members, and a restructure of the Board's committees.

Bright off-stream storage

The Board resolved to support the site selection criteria for the proposed off-stream storage for Bright, previously reviewed and finalised by the Board's Works Committee.

The resolution also endorsed the extension of the scope of the consultant's work to include the investigation of groundwater sources, provided that this additional activity didn't delay the surface water investigations.