

BLUE WATER REVIEW WORKING GROUP COMMUNIQUE

Meeting 20-21 July 2019

Key matters

At the Blue Water Review Working Group meeting held at Twin Waters, the following key matters were considered:

- **QFES Governance and Future Processes**
 - The Working Group discussed the delays to the release of the June Communique to sector and the impact of those delays on stakeholder engagement.
 - The Working Group was acknowledged and thanked by the Chair for providing the overall vision of the sector, as defined in the eleven recommendations delivered in June.
 - The Working Group discussed at length the content and complexity of the Business Case deliverable to Government that will map out the implementation of the eleven recommendations.
 - It was highlighted that now project activities are focussed on the Business Case, reporting functions of the review may encounter additional governance delays going forward.
- **Capability Analysis of a Proposed Single Service**
 - A “vision” for the future was subject to additional workshoping while maintaining the focus of acknowledging sector history.
 - The Working Group was provided a high-level introduction to the processes that the QFES Knowledge Hub will take them through at the next meeting.
 - At the next Working Group meeting in Cairns a detailed analysis of identified capabilities will be carried out with a view to identifying responsible officers, accountabilities and what critical inputs are required from frontline stakeholders.
- **Risk Assessment of a Proposed Single Service**
 - The Working Group discussed the need for a parallel risk assessment to be carried out that assists in the identification of hazards specific to the boating public.
 - At the next Working Group meeting in Cairns, a detailed assessment of broad scale risk will be carried out with QFES Hazard and Risk Unit and Maritime Safety Queensland.
 - The Working Group will also discuss and agree to a process going forward that will determine if, and to what extent, any additional review will need to be conducted.

In addition, an informal lunch was held on Saturday, 20th July at Tin Can Bay. The afternoon provided an opportunity for the Working Group to engage with approximately 80 volunteers from as far north as Hervey Bay and as far south as Bribie Island.

The next BWR WG meeting will be held in Cairns from the 17th to the 19th August. An engagement session will be held on the evening of Saturday, 17th August at the Cairns SES Community Centre with invitations extended to volunteers from the Cape and Island Communities and south to Innisfail.



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