

BLUE WATER REVIEW WORKING GROUP COMMUNIQUE

25 February 2019



Key matters

- The Working Group (WG) was addressed by the Minister and Commissioner.
 - The Minister's key messages were:
 - No preconceived ideas about marine rescue in Queensland.
 - Getting Blue Water as a sector to plot your course going forward.
 - My job is to connect between QFES and Cabinet regarding potential legislative changes.
 - Commissioner's key messages were:
 - QFES is aware of the models in other states.
 - We need your buy in to see what the future looks like.
 - It cannot go on the way it is currently going on.
- The WG was addressed by Campbell Darby DSC AM on his review and discussed the observations made in the 'Review into Volunteer Marine Rescue Organisations in Queensland' report.
- The WG reviewed and provided feedback on the draft Terms of Reference.
- The WG received a summary on the Governance environment in which it will operate.
- The WG reviewed and developed its Charter in collaboration with the QFES Knowledge Hub.
- The WG emphasised the importance of clear and unambiguous feedback to stakeholders directly from WG members and through communiques.
- The WG agreed that WG meetings will be held at various locations to allow direct interaction between volunteers and WG members.

Key decisions

- The WG determined that at its second meeting, the members should develop and agree a strategic level recommendation to Government about a preferred overarching structure of the future volunteer rescue service or services. This is a key decision point so the WG has a clear mandate and goal on which to focus their efforts and decision making.
- The WG queried the AMSA position to not participate on the Working Group and requested the Chair approach AMSA again to reconsider.
- The WG determined there should be an independent member.

Action required by QFES or other Stakeholders

Action required	Responsible party
Chair to reengage AMSA regarding Working Group membership.	QFES
Chair to engage an independent member for the Working Group.	QFES
Secretariat to update Terms of Reference with feedback from the meeting and provide to Working Group members out of session for endorsement.	QFES
Working Group to release the Terms of Reference and Charter to the sector once endorsed.	Working Group

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