

EPA Board Communique

20 March 2007



The EPA Board Communique has been developed to provide information on matters discussed by the Board at its monthly meetings.

Round Table 2007

The Board received an update on the progress of the 2007 Round Table. Keynote speakers have been organised. These are Mr Neil Coulson, CEO Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Mr Graham Paterson, Head of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, Westpac.

Invitations will now be sent out to key industry and government stakeholders.

Board Strategic Planning session

The Board discussed its upcoming strategic planning session, which is scheduled for Friday 20 April 2007. Individual Board members had previously decided to take responsibility for preparing discussion papers on key strategic issues with support from EPA staff, and meetings will now be scheduled between staff and Board members to enable this process to commence.

An external facilitator will be used to manage the planning session.

Risk Management Plan for the Environment Protection Authority (EPA)

The effective management of risk is a high level priority for the EPA. While the EPA has in place several distinct elements to address risk, the next step is to combine these components into an effective risk management framework that integrates risk management into all management and decision-making processes across the agency.

The Board approved the proposed approach to development and implementation of the EPA Risk Management Framework. They noted the Risk Management Policy as a draft and will provide feedback out of session on further developing this.