

EPA Board Communiqué

March 2018

The Board's Meeting number 114 was held on Tuesday 6th March 2018.

Statewide Planning Scheme

The current Statement of Intent requires the Board to familiarise itself with the new Statewide Planning Scheme and how this will impact on the Board's work. The Board sought a briefing from the Planning Policy Unit but has been advised that the Statewide Scheme should be progressed further before the Board is briefed on it.

Presentation about the Environmental Operations Branch and regulation of Level 2 premises

The Environmental Operations Branch regulates Level 2 activities after they are assessed and conditioned by the Board. The Manager provided the Board with an overview of how the officers of the Branch undertake this work and the tools used for the ongoing regulation of Level 2 activities.

Presentation on finfish legislation and remaking of the Board's delegations and authorisations

The amendments to the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* to bring finfish farming under the regulation of the EPA took effect on 4 December 2017. The Board received a detailed briefing on the provisions of the amendments and, specifically, the powers conferred on the Board. The Board considered each function and power and determined whether it was appropriate to delegate that power or function to enable the efficient operation of the legislation. The Board deferred the re-making of its delegations to enable the decisions taken at this meeting to be translated into an instrument of delegation to be presented at a future meeting.

Co-funding of Environmental Auditors course

Following its decision in principle at the February meeting the Board formally resolved to grant \$35,800 from the Environment Protection Fund to co-fund two Environmental Auditor courses for EPA Tasmania officers and local government Environmental Health Officers.