



DISPUTE RESOLUTION BOARD AUSTRALASIA INC
(ABN: 14 196 085 859)

Tenth Annual General Meeting: 2 December 2013

DRBA President's Report

DRBA / Region 3 Overview 2012/2013

DRBF Region 3

At the DRBA Annual General Meeting on 3 September 2012, the members resolved to approve and authorise execution of the DRBA/DRBF Region 3 Agreement.

The DRBA/DRBF Region 3 Agreement was subsequently signed by DRBA President, Doug Jones, at a signing ceremony with DRBF in New York on 27 September 2012.

The impacts of the DRBA/DRBF Region 3 Agreement are:

1. From 1 January 2013, DRBA became the governing body of Region 3 of DRBF. Region 3 comprises, initially, Australia and New Zealand and future countries in the Asia-Pacific area may be admitted to Region 3 in the future with the consent of DRBA and DRBF
2. The governance and management of Region 3 will be undertaken by the DRBA/Region 3 Board in accordance with the DRBA Constitution and the Region 3 Board will report to the DRBF Executive Board.
3. All then existing members of DRBA/Region 3 automatically became members of DRBF on 1 January 2013 and, after 1 January 2013, all applicants for DRBA membership will automatically become members of DRBF.
4. The management of DRBA/Region 3 membership is undertaken from DRBF headquarters in Seattle, Washington.
5. A fixed arrangement for membership fees for DRBA members was agreed:
 - (a) Calendar 2012 – nil;
 - (b) Calendar 2013 – USD\$150
 - (c) Calendar 2014 – USD\$200
6. The DRBA/Region 3 budget for 2013 was agreed between DRBF and DRBA and provided for a significant subsidy (\$16,400) to assist with special marketing efforts in Singapore and Hong Kong.
7. DRBA/Region 3 will maintain and manage its own local currency bank account.
8. DRBA/Region 3 will report on both management and financial issues to the DRBF Executive Board.
9. The DRBA President (Doug Jones) became a member of the DRBF Executive Board.

DRBA Committee

The following were confirmed as elected at the AGM in September 2012

Name	Representation
Don Charrett	Victoria
Lindsay Compte	Member representing Australian Constructors Association
Spencer Flay	Western Australia and South Australia
Alan McLennan	Queensland
Michael Weatherall	New Zealand
Barry Tozer	Member representing Principals
Tim Sullivan	New South Wales
Ron Finlay	New South Wales
Doug Jones	New South Wales
Dick Kell (alternate Megan Motto)	Member representing Consult Australia

In accordance with the amended Rules, the immediate Past President, Graeme Peck, continued as an ex officio member of the Committee.

At the DRBA Committee meeting following the AGM, the following executive positions were agreed:

Position	Name
President:	Doug Jones
Vice-President:	Alan McLennan
Secretary/Treasurer:	Ron Finlay
Past President:	Graeme Peck
DRBF Country Representative Co-Ordinator	Graham Easton

DRBF President

At its Annual General Meeting in Florida in September 2013, Australia's Graham Easton was appointed as President of the International DRBF.

This is the first time an Australian has been elected to the position and we congratulate Graham on his appointment.

Membership

Membership of DRBA/Region 3, as at 27 November 2013, stands at 118.

Current, new and pending DRB Projects

NSW Roads & Maritime Services (**RMS**) and Transport for New South Wales (**TfNSW**) continue to be the main users of Dispute Avoidance Boards in NSW.

RMS has nine 3-person Dispute Avoidance Boards in progress and TfNSW has nine 3-person Dispute Avoidance Boards in progress.

NBN Co has initiated its first DRB but the rollout of other DABs for NBN is contingent upon the strategic review presently being undertaken.

Brisbane Airport Corporation has initiated a 3-person DAB for the Dredging and Reclamation Works (>\$300 million). This is significant because BAC is a private sector organisation and one of the first to initiate a DAB in Queensland.

DRBA/Region 3 continues to promote the use of DABs in the oil and gas industry and was close to securing a DAB for an LPG project in Queensland.

OTHER MARKETING & EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

DRBA Advanced Workshop, Brisbane – November 2013

Under the auspices of DRBA Vice President, Alan McLennan, an Advanced Training Workshop was held in Brisbane on Saturday, 23 November 2013. There were 25 participants and 5 facilitators (Alan McLennan, Ron Finlay, Graham Easton, Ken Casley and Derek Skinner). Participants in the Workshop came from Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and New Zealand.

The feedback from the participants was extremely complimentary.

Singapore Roadshow, November 2013

DRBA members Graham Easton and Doug Jones together with Region 2 country representative for Singapore, Gerlando Butero, presented two seminars in Singapore consisting of Construction Lawyers and members of the Singapore Institute of Arbitrators on 25 and 26 November 2013. They also made a presentation to the Singapore Land Transit Authority.

Institute of Engineers Australia

DRBA member Graham Easton presented to 45 members of the Institute of Engineers on 12 November 2013 on the topic "Dispute Boards – A Better Way to Manage your Project".

Victoria Major Construction Forum – August 2013

DRBA members Don Charrett and Ron Finlay met with members of the VMIFC to assist it with presentations to government regarding the use of dispute boards for their major infrastructure projects.

University of Canberra – September 2013

DRBA member Tim Sullivan presented a two hour guest lecture at the University of Canberra with an audience including law graduates, final year law students and members of staff with a focus on ADR and dispute boards

Melbourne University, Master of Construction Law – October 2013

DRBA member, Don Charrett, presented a one hour lecture on dispute boards to students enrolled in the Master of Construction Law Course.

DRBF International Conference

The next DRBF International Conference (hosted by Region 2) is to be held in Singapore on 15-17 May 2014. Singapore has become a very active dispute resolution centre for the south east Asian region but its dispute practitioners remain relatively uneducated in the use of dispute boards.



DRBA FINANCIALS

You will see from the Financial Report provided with the AGM papers that DRBA/Region 3 continues to be in a good financial position and utilises its funds primarily for the promotion of DRBA's core activities

Doug Jones
President
DRBA/Region 3

November 2013