

## Communique

Meeting No: 2018.02  
7 March 2018

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on 7 March 2018. Present at the meeting were members and guests including several representatives from State and Territory ITABs/ITACs.

### **Issues and Actions**

Skills Impact will contact the Australian Industry Skills Committee (AISC) about funding a survey of employers within the pharmaceutical manufacture industry.

### **Report from IRC Chairs meeting**

Paul MacLeman provided a report of the chairs meeting of 21 February 2018, describing the issues discussed and the content of the professional development activities undertaken.

### **Project Report**

Skills Impact provided a progress report of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing review project. Feedback provided during the validation stage is now being collated and addressed.

### **Sign-off for IRC response to Departmental proposals**

The reports drafted after the teleconference discussing "*Training Product Reform: what is the case for change?*" and "*Addressing issues relating to unduly short courses*" were both approved as this IRC's response. This response will be submitted by Skills Impact.

### **IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2018- 2021**

After a review of the overall draft document, this IRC considered the two skills priorities that relate to the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry that are proposed to be addressed in 2018: 1. BioProcessing Technology; 2. Automation and Digitalisation in the Pharmaceutical, Food and Beverage Manufacturing Processes. Members agreed that Pharmaceutical auditing and compliance skills is less of a priority and can wait until 2019.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing IRC is expected to be held in May 2018.