

Communique

Meeting held: 19 May 2018

The Meat Industry Reference Committee held its second face-to-face meeting for the year in Sydney, on Tuesday 19 June 2018.

Eleven members were in attendance (one via telephone), and the committee welcomed two new members: Franz Knoll, of Knoll Consultants & Investments Pty Ltd joining as Expert Smallgoods Manufacturing, and Mick Williams from the Midfield Group joining as Expert Beef Processing.

Michael Bayer was elected to the position of Deputy Chair and the committee congratulated Michael on his new position.

The committee considered further information on an issue regarding cross-trade maintenance qualifications and determined there are sufficient pathways in existing Training Packages and no further action on this matter is required.

Eight projects that have been approved by the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) but have yet to be commenced were discussed – several of these are considered high priority for the industry. The committee determined that a separate register for projects was required in order to track the progress of these projects.

Seven matters raised on the Issues Register were addressed and actions determined.

One issue regarding the *Certificate III in Meat Processing (Retail Butcher)* was discussed, which led to a suggestion to review number of units in the qualification to see if it still met industry needs. Further discussion will occur on this at the next meeting.

One member raised an item in relation to qualification integrity in the *Certificate III in Meat Processing (Slaughtering)*, the committee determined further investigation was required and this will also be discussed at the next meeting.

The date for the next meeting was agreed and will be held on 16 October on the Gold Coast.