

## Communique

Meeting No: 2019.01  
8 April 2019

**The Aquaculture and Wild Catch Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met in Adelaide on 8 April.**

This was the first meeting for 2019 and present were IRC members and guests, including State and Territory Industry Training Advisory Bodies.

### **Seafood Industry Case for Endorsement**

Skills Impact provided the final draft of the national *Seafood Industry Training Package Case for Endorsement Version 3.0* for the consideration and endorsement of the IRC. It will be submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC) on 30 April 2019.

The revisions and changes for IRC discussion and consideration were components proposed across:

- [Aquaculture, Fishing Operations & Biosecurity](#)
- [Fisheries Compliance](#)
- [Seafood Post Harvest](#)

Skills Impact outlined the extensive work undertaken on their behalf since the projects commenced in January 2018. Organisational letters of support were included, confirming industry involvement and support for the changes.

The IRC discussed in detail each of the proposed components outlined within the draft case for endorsement document. The committee was very pleased with details provided by Skills Impact and the transparency of the project. Skills Impact was thanked by the committee for its work throughout the projects on their behalf.

### **IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2019 - 2022**

Skills Impact reported no additional IRC feedback had been received prior to the meeting and that no additional feedback from the broader industry had been received since the document was uploaded to the website for public feedback in mid-March. The IRC discussed the Skills Forecast as a whole committee and provided further feedback and changes to be made prior to submission.

The committee provided information in areas of priority, including regulation, biosecurity, Country of Origin Labelling, bio-remedial methods and ROV technology use in Torres Strait. There was discussion around the three proposed projects, in particular the Indigenous projects occurring across the country which complements the proposed Indigenous Research Project.

### **General Business**

The IRC were briefed on the Review of Australia's VET system through discussions around the Joyce Report and the AQF Review.

Some key dates for stakeholder engagement and networking: National Seafood Directions Conference dates confirmed for 9-11 October to be held in Melbourne and hosted by Seafood Industry Victoria. Animal Health Australia hosting national Biosecurity Symposium on the Gold Coast 1-13 June

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Aquaculture and Wild Catch IRC is to be advised.