

Communique

Meeting No: 2019.02

24 June 2019

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on 24 June 2019. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

Pharmaceutical BioProcessing project

Skills Impact update on the progress of this project. As it is still in its initial phases, and a few meetings have been held to introduce the project, proper consultation has not yet begun. Timelines have been proposed with the final proposal to be submitted in August 2020. Skills Impact is seeking stakeholders to engage in this project.

Response from AISC re research project proposal

The research project proposal submitted with the Skills Forecast in April was not approved by the AISC. The Chair of this IRC will discuss with Skills Impact ways of extending the work previously done to develop the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing qualifications toward increasing engagement of the industry in VET qualifications.

NCVER pharmaceutical manufacturers' survey results

NCVER presented the findings and analysis of the survey of pharmaceutical manufacturers. Challenges noted were in the complexity of the questions, the access to the right people to contact, the lack of engagement between the industry and the VET sector and with NCVER.

Purpose, tenure and success metrics for this IRC

The role of this IRC and ways to measure its success were discussed. Chair will meet with Skills Impact management to discuss these issues in depth.

Next meeting

The date for the next meeting of this committee will be determined after the discussion between the Chair and Skills Impact and any arrangements made with AusBioTech to engage with their conference in October. It is likely that the next meeting of this IRC will be in early November 2019.