Meat Industry Reference Committee
Communique – Meeting held on 11 December 2018

The Meat Industry Reference Committee held a full meeting at Brighton le Sands, Sydney on Tuesday 11 December 2018. Nine members attended the IRC meeting, three members tendered their apologies.

Sean Starling and Richard Apps from MLA were present to give a presentation about the current and future developments in automation in the meat processing industry and the possible implications for training. The presentation contained some very interesting key messages for the Committee to be aware of.

Draft copies of thirteen new units of competency and three new skills sets currently being developed for the next release of the AMP Australian Meat Processing Training Package were presented and approved for inclusion in the Case for Endorsement which is currently under development.

The Committee agreed the improved reporting system to monitor projects was a useful tool for establishing and monitoring timeframes.

The Committee considered a number of proposed skill priorities and determined four, possibly five projects that could be included in the 2019-2022 Skills Forecast. It was decided that the Skills Forecast should be drafted and circulated to the Committee by the end of January.

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

The proposed dates for the 2019 IRC meetings were noted during General Business, including:

- 26 March 2019 (Gold Coast)
- 17 June 2019 (Sydney)
- 22 October 2019 (Venue TBA)
- 17 December 2019 (Sydney)

The date for the next meeting was agreed and will be held on 26 March 2019 on the Gold Coast.