

## Communique

Meeting No: 2019.4  
Date: 16 October 2019

The Agriculture and Production Horticulture Industry Reference Committee (APH IRC) met in Canberra on 16 October 2019. Present at the meeting were APH IRC members, invited guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

The APH IRC reviewed the enquiries and issues register. The report mostly consisted of requests for clarification of qualification packaging rules (Agriculture and Rural Machinery Operations) and specific delivery and assessment information about machinery operations. These issues are starting to come forward as the new qualifications and units of competency transition and the teach out period is almost completed.

The APH IRC discussed and approved Skills Impact to resolve a number of minor issues in units of competency in the AHC Training Package.

APH IRC members provided an industry update to the meeting from the industry sector they represent.

### **Project Progress 2019 – 2020 projects**

Reports on the current progress of AHC projects were provided to the APH IRC members and guests. Clarification for one project process has been requested.

The APH IRC is managing the 20-05 Production Horticulture and Nursery Project on behalf of both APH and AHLCLM IRC's and APH will need to work closely with the other IRC to keep informed and up to date on progress.

Public consultation feedback for the AHC project is underway during September to mid November 2019.

### **Skills Forecasting 2020-23**

The APH IRC members were briefed on the projects scheduled to be undertaken in the approved unit sector approach review of the AHC Training Package. A number of potential Skills Forecast topics were also discussed.

### **Reports**

APH IRC members were briefed or updated on a number of current projects or reports currently influencing the vocational sector. IRC noted the environmental sustainability project will need to be taken into consideration when developing projects in the IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the APH IRC will be held in March 2020, to discuss the Skills Forecast 202-23 and 2019-20 project progress.