

## **Meat Industry Reference Committee**

### **Communique – Meeting held on 24 March 2020**

The Meat Industry Reference Committee held a condensed meeting via teleconference. This meeting had been converted from the originally scheduled face-to-face meeting to a teleconference in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eight members attended the IRC meeting, four members tendered their apologies.

The IRC discussed the recent correspondence from the AISC to the IRC Chair and the Chair's response regarding the reappointment of the Meat IRC to December 2020. IRC members who did not wish to continue on the Committee were encouraged to contact the Meat IRC Secretariat. The Meat IRC continues to have a vacant position for a Poultry Processing Expert and is encouraging representatives from this sector of the meat industry to apply.

The draft Case for Endorsement for AMP Version 5.0 was discussed and three items from the Issues and Enquiries Register that related to this Training Package release were considered. The IRC approved a minor change to one unit of competency and approved a replacement unit for an imported unit that was no longer suitable for us in the meat industry. The IRC also approved the replacement units for a number of imported NWP units that had recently been superseded.

An overview of the Annual Update to the Industry Skills Forecast was provided. This version had been circulated via email earlier in March to the IRC and has been approved for release for public consultation.

The date for the next meeting was agreed and will be held on 16 June 2020. It's possible that this meeting will also be held via teleconference depending on COVID-19 and government advice at that time. The proposed Meat IRC meeting schedule for the remainder of 2020 is:

- 16 June 2020, location and format TBA
- 20 October 2020, Gold Coast
- 15 December 2020, Sydney.