

Meat Industry Reference Committee

Communique

Date: 15 June 2021

The Meat Industry Reference Committee held its 15 June meeting via Microsoft Teams Meeting videoconference. Eight members attended the IRC meeting and eight guests. The Chair welcomed new members to the committee, after recent approval by the AISC.

An update to the Meat Rendering and Meat Slicing Projects was provided. All Projects have proceeded to meet project milestones to date and all three projects are currently at Finalisation stage. The Validation stage was completed on 30 May 2021. It was flagged that the IRC will consider an out of session approval of the AMP21-20 Case for Endorsement prior to the end of June. It was agreed that relevant documents would be distributed to members in a timely manner to ensure time for such deliberation.

A briefing paper on VET reform was presented to members and guests by Skills Impact for information only. Significantly, the Federal Government budget was released in May 2021 and contained budget measures which related to VET reform. The next 18 months of the current system is being seen as a transitional phase from the current system to a broader more industry focused system. The reform process is continuing and is in the hands of the Skills Ministers being supported by Department of Education, Skills and Employment and the State and Territory Training Authorities. Skills Impact will continue to update IRCs as information becomes available.

The full review of the Meat Training Package was identified in the Annual Update to Skills Forecast as a priority and put forward as a potential multi-stage complex proposal, with Stage 1 being to review the general qualifications and core units to create baseline qualifications. This includes the review of 10 qualifications and 125 units of competency. The need to address training package standards would be incorporated in the review and development processes.

There being no general business items for discussion, the meeting was closed. The next IRC meeting is 21 September 2021.