

Industry Reference Committee
Communique – Meeting held on 15 March, 2022

The Meat Industry Reference Committee (IRC) held a video conference meeting on 15 March 2022. Nine members and five guests attended the IRC meeting.

The Industry Roundup identified that labour shortages remain the major issue affecting all sectors of the industry. Training opportunities are re-emerging following the pandemic and floods, with unusually high training enrolments occurring in the retail sector.

The progress report on Meat Processing, General, Quality and Safety Skills Project was discussed, noting that a second round of the 'Drafts Available' stage is being conducted between 21 February and 21 March, 2022. During the initial round of consultation on the drafts, 11 meetings and webinars were conducted with a total of 167 registrations and 71 attendees.

The IRC reviewed a draft of a proposed overview Agribusiness, Food and Fibre Industries Skills Report and a summary document. Further feedback can be provided over coming weeks.

It was noted, in response to the Royal Commission into the major bushfires in 2019/20, that the Public Safety IRC is developing a skill set to provide training for people who access post-disaster and work in recovery teams as part of a National Recovery Training Program.

The meeting was closed at 2:05 pm. The next IRC meeting is Tuesday, 21 June 2022, 1:00 - 3:00 pm.