

Communique

The Aquaculture and Wild Catch Industry Reference Committee (AWC IRC) held their second meeting for 2022 on Wednesday 7 September via Zoom conferencing.

At the meeting major pieces of work were discussed and endorsed, including:

- Agribusiness, Food and Fibre Industry Skills Report
- AWC Industry Skills Report
- AWC Industry Skills Summary.

Industry Skills Reports

The draft AWC Industry Skills Report was provided and discussed. Changes to the draft were noted.

Industry Skills Reports and Industry Summary

Skills Impact spoke of the enormous work of the IRCs and thanked them for their ongoing contributions towards the two major reports, the Agribusiness, Food and Fibre and the AWC Industry Skills Reports and spoke of the key priorities that have been highlighted within the reports and how this will underpin further work in the changing VET system.

All reports were discussed, considered (noting minor additions) for Chair sign-off and submission to the department.

VET Reform

Skills Impact provided an update on the VET reform process including the recent invitation extended to the organisation by the Evaluation Committee in August. Discussions are expected to continue in September/October.

Acknowledgement and thanks

Deep appreciation and acknowledgement of the voluntary work undertaken by all IRC members, their dedication and expertise were acknowledged by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) and Skills Impact. They acknowledged the volume of work completed by this IRC as listed:

Summary of IRC projects and key pieces of work:

- Fisheries Compliance Project
- Aquaculture, Fishing Operations, and Biosecurity Projects
- Seafood Post Harvest Project
- Fisheries Compliance Project
- Fishtech and Aquabotics Project
- Work with Crocodiles Project.

Additional work requests via DESE / AISC

- Deletion of Low/Zero Enrolments
- SFI Qualifications with BSB / HLT superseded units
- Critical Skills Project
- Critical Response Project

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- Green Skills Project
- Automation Project
- Environmental Sustainability project
- Improving VET performance – insights research
- Traceability Project.

Thanks was returned by IRC members for the secretariat work and support from Skills Impact, the CEO and team members.

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