

## Communique

Meeting No: 2022.02

07 September 2022

The Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical (FBP) Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on 7 September 2022. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

### **2022 Industry Skills Report and Industry Summary**

Skills Impact, with guidance from this IRC, has prepared the FBP Industry Skills Summary based on data collated earlier this year in the FBP Industry Skills Report and the Agribusiness, Food and Fibre Industries Skills Report. All three reports provide detail and analysis of industry trends, issues, concerns, opportunities and challenges. The Industry Skills Summary was approved by this committee for submission to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) this month.

### **VET Reform**

Skills Impact provided an update on VET reform processes. Skills Impact has been invited by DEWR to further discuss the submission to support the Agribusiness, Food and Fibre Industry Cluster. DEWR have advised that the new program is expected to be launched prior to the end of 2022.

### **Acknowledgement and thanks**

Appreciation and acknowledgement of the voluntary work undertaken by members of this committee was expressed by DEWR, Skills Impact and Fiona Fleming. This included acknowledgement of Anne Astin's initial leadership of this IRC and for the support provided to this committee by Skills Impact. Geoff Barbaro, on behalf of Michael Hartman and Skills Impact, thanked the FBP IRC for their dedication and work to improve the food and beverage processing industries.