

# Communique

## Memorandum of Understanding Discussion

The Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation & Land Management Industry Reference Committee accepted the *Memorandum of Understanding* with Skills Impact. This included noting the *IRC Operating Framework* and the process of training package development.

## Industry Skills Forecast

The IRC discussed its role in the development of the *Industry Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work*. The IRC will consult widely with broader industry and provide feedback on the 2017-2020 *IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work*, to enable the update for 2018. The IRC discussed *Section D- Skills Outlook*, to identify smaller projects and prioritise them for submission to the Australia Industry Skills Council (AISC). The IRC discussed and agreed on the methodology for the updating of the Skills Forecast including activities proposed by Skills Impact.

The IRC noted the current activity orders issued by the AISC and the process of developing the *Industry Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work*. The IRC put forward some future skills areas of note, including ecology in landscape qualifications; rooftop and vertical gardening skills; reviews of qualifications in permaculture and conservation and land management.

## Training Package Development

Skills Impact provided an update for the IRC about their work as an SSO and provided an overview of the training package development process.

The IRC noted the issues associated with the *AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package* and recognised that Skills Impact is required to keep an *Enquiries and Issues Register* as part of its contractual arrangements to the Department of Education and Training.

The IRC also noted that enquiries relate to queries regarding how to use the training package and issues ranging from concerns with the design of the training package through to suggestions for new components or materials to support.

Reports are generated for each training package. All enquiries were responded to and closed within two to five working days depending on the level of complexity.

## Training Package Maintenance

The Committee discussed the requirement to remove obsolete training package components from the *AHC Training Package* as part of the focus of the AISC and the rationalisation of all training package components including the identification and removal of obsolete qualifications and units of competency.

Next meeting – **March 2018**