

Meat Industry Reference Committee Communique – Meeting held on 12 December 2017

The Meat Industry Reference Committee held its final meeting for the year in Sydney on Tuesday 12 December 2017.

Nine members were in attendance, although the Committee continues to seek a suitable nominee to fill the vacant Sheep Processing Representative position. The Chairman advised Committee members of the death of member Kevin Cottrill on Sunday 10 December, and members expressed gratitude for the service given by Kevin including his service on four of the Cross-Sector Committees.

As the poultry processing units have now been moved into the AMP *Australian Meat Industry Training Package*, the Committee noted that this sector is not yet represented on the IRC and recommends that the AISC:

- a) creates an additional position for a poultry processing representative
- b) considers the proposal that Nicole Orr from Baiada be nominated to take up the position.

The Committee considered an issue related to assessment requirements which had arisen during the Quality Assurance processes for the recent Case for Endorsement and determined a future course of action.

The Committee considered and approved the following Cases for Change for the AMP *Australian Meat Industry Training Package*:

- Case for Change for the development of a food-safe pest control management program
- Case for Change for the development of new units in TACCP and VACCP
- Case for Change to remove complexity and add value to material handling through traceability of products.

The Meat IRC supported the Cases for Change for the following six Cross-Sector projects:

- Environment sustainability
- Automation
- Supply Chain
- Teamwork and Communications
- Cyber Security
- Big Data.

Ten matters raised on the Issues Register were addressed and actions determined.

Replacement units for thirteen deleted imported Units were approved.

The meeting schedule for 2018 was agreed.