

Communique

Meeting No: 2018.03

26 April 2018

The Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on 26 April 2018. Present at the meeting were members and guests, including several representatives from state and territory ITABs/ITACs.

IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2018-2021

Members and guests discussed the feedback received during the public consultation period for the draft IRC *Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2018- 2021* (IRC Skills Forecast). The consultation period was between 19 March – 16 April 2018. [Click here to view the document.](#)

Decisions to modify the document, including:

- Include the food trends 1. healthy living and 2. sustainable food systems – to page 3
- Modify titles and states covered by several wine-related peak industry organisations – pages 31-32
- Add bioactive honey as a food development that requires further research – page 42

Suggestions about the order of priorities in the *IRC Skills Forecast* document from respondents to the online feedback process were considered. The order that the IRC had previously decided was confirmed and will remain as is.

Members agreed that once the above modifications were made, the Chair would sign the document for Skills Impact to submit to the Australian Industry Skills Committee (AISC) on Friday 27 April 2018.

Project Update

Skills Impact presented a report of work progressing towards *FBP Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Training Package Release 2*. An extension of time for the Wine Operations Project has allowed further work to refine the two wine qualifications. These revisions will be presented on the Skills Impact website for a second round of validation until 10 May 2018. The components of all other Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical projects are ready to progress through to the next stages towards endorsement. They will undergo an edit and equity and quality assurance process once the second round of validation has been completed for the Wine Operations Project.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a teleconference on Monday 28 May 2018 at 10am. This meeting will address the *FBP Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical Training Package Release* progressing to the finalisation stage and the 'Case For Endorsement' to be submitted in June.