

## Communique

Meeting No: 2019.02  
16 May 2019

The Animal Care and Management Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via Teleconference on 16 May 2019. Present at the meeting were members and guests including representatives from State and Territory ITABs/ITACs.

### **Animal Care and Management Case for Endorsement Version 3.0**

The IRC supported submission of the draft of *Animal Care & Management Case for Endorsement Version 3.0* to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee (AISC). It includes revised qualifications and skills standards out of the following projects:

- [Animal Incident Management Project](#)
- [Animal Technology Project](#)
- [Horse Education Project](#)

### **General Business and matters for noting**

The IRC were given a brief overview of the [Expert Review into Australia's VET Sector](#) led by the Hon Steven Joyce.

The IRC discussed the effect of land clearing on species extinction rates, and training available in relocating and caring for wildlife, which was noted for possible inclusion in the next skills forecast. The upcoming project in Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation & Land Management may provide an opportunity for IRC to contribute.

It was noted that graduate numbers of veterinarians are low and that some universities are exploring different pathways into veterinary sciences, including vocational education for paraprofessionals.

Animal behaviour was raised as underpinning knowledge required for units of competency that include animal handling. IRC will view current units to determine if they require updating.

The Chair of the IRC congratulated Julia Crawford (Deputy Chair) on new appointment as president of the Australian Veterinary Association

### **Next Meeting**

The next IRC meeting scheduled for Thursday 31 October 2019