

Meat Industry Reference Committee

Communique – Meeting held on 15 February 2017

The restructured Meat Industry Reference Committee held its first meeting in Sydney on Wednesday 15 February 2017. This followed the industry consultation on the structure of this committee and the public call for nominations last year.

The meeting commenced with an induction workshop, facilitated by KPMG and focusing on the roles and responsibilities of Industry Reference Committee (IRC) members and 'public good'. Three key areas were covered:

- Roles and responsibilities and the public good
- Leadership, culture and behaviours
- Managing real or perceived conflicts of interest.

Committee members actively participated in group discussions considering the features and characteristics of effective committees.

The committee took the time to go through an introduction process with members familiarising themselves with the past roles and experience of committee members including their current networks.

Following the workshop and introduction process nominations for Chair and Deputy Chair positions were called for. Mr Cameron Dart was appointed Chair with Mr Glenn Meers Deputy Chair. The Committee also considered the two vacant positions and determined to fill one by invitation and to seek nominations for the vacant position of sheep processor.

Each Industry Reference Committee has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the committee and the Skill Service Organisation (SSO) providing support to it. A short discussion was held, with the Committee deciding to review the current MOU before recommending any changes. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

A key document that IRCs have responsibility for is the *IRC Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work*. This document was previously referred to as the *IRC Four-Year Work Plan*. Skills Impact provided the committee with a draft update of this document which is required to be submitted by 28 April 2017 for consideration by Australian Industry Skills Committee (AISC). The IRC members agreed to review the document by the end of February, after which time it will be distributed for industry consultation. The IRC will consider the revised version of the Schedule at its next meeting.

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 March on the Gold Coast, this being the most suitable date for the majority of members.