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Meeting No: 2019.03  
31 October 2019

The Animal Care and Management Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met in Sydney on 31 October 2019. Present at the meeting were IRC members, representatives from Skills Impact and guests including representatives from State and Territory Training Advisory Bodies

## **Exhibited Animal Care & Marine Wildlife and Pet Care & Animal Training projects**

Skills Impact provided an update to the IRC, on the progress of the projects and the advice of the subject matter expert working groups, which provided information on job roles and functions. It was indicated due to job functions crossing over many job roles that three qualifications could be merged into one, with the use of electives creating specific job streams. This model will be presented for public feedback. The IRC were satisfied with the direction and progress of the projects.

## **Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work 2020-2024**

The IRC discussed the Priority Skills list in the Skills Forecast and the order of priorities for projects to be submitted to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee. After discussion Skills Priority areas the IRC proposed included:

- Equine project including review of performance horse qualifications, equine dentistry, equine vet nursing, equine body workers.
- Skills standards development for Rural and Remote Health workers and biosecurity
- Review of Allied and Value-Add Animal Health Trades and Qualifications
- Quarantine and Biosecurity
- Feral Animal Management
- Review of Veterinary Nursing Qualification

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

The IRC were given a brief overview of current status of the implementation of Federal Government policy in the vocational sector, as outlined in the Joyce report.

The current Chair was nominated and re-elected as Chair for further two years. Current members will continue their tenure, unless other advice is received from the AISC.

## **Next Meeting**

The next IRC meeting scheduled for Thursday 26 March 2020

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