

## Communique

Meeting No: 2020.02  
5 May 2020

**The Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met on Tuesday, 5 May via video conference. This was a condensed meeting to discuss priority projects.**

### **The Draft Annual Update**

The IRC considered the draft Annual Update document which incorporated feedback received during the public consultation period between 16 April – 1 May 2020. The IRC approved the draft document and for the Chair to sign-off on their behalf.

### **AHC Case for Endorsement**

The IRC considered the Case for Endorsement for the Green Walls and Rooftops Project. The documentation had previously been distributed, including details of the work undertaken, consultation and letters of support.

IRC members requested more time to go through the documentation in detail, along with the most up-to-date versions of the skill sets and units. The IRC decided to defer the decision for a week, with an out of session vote taken by circular motion.

### **Arboriculture Case for Endorsement Update**

Skills Impact has been working with the department and with representatives from Arboriculture Australia, and IRC members, seeking clarity around the Australian Industry Skills Committee (AISC) decision to conditionally approve the Arboriculture Case for Endorsement (CfE) for inclusion in the AHC Agriculture Horticulture Conservation and Land Management Training Package. The AISC communique stated:

“Approval will be provided out-of-session pending:

- Agreement by the respective parties on wording relating to industry practices verses standards
- Agreement that the referenced industry standards resources for students will be provided at no cost, despite updates.”

The IRC agreed that it was important for the changes to be approved and implemented as quickly as possible, and agreed to additional changes in response to the AISC decision.

### **Conservation and Land Management Update**

A recommendation from the Subject Matter Expert (SME) working group within the Conservation and Land Management Project regarding a qualification name change from ‘Conservation and Land Management’ to ‘Conservation and Ecosystems Management’ was brought to the attention of the IRC.

It was discussed that Conservation and Land Management has iconic terminology and branding, widely recognised by employers and clients, and easily recognised by job seekers, students, parents and within Indigenous communities. The SME Working Group had considered this and believed the proposed name change more accurately reflects the work roles and job outcomes of the industry.

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IRC members will utilise their networks to ascertain widespread viewpoints, and to engage in discussions, prior to the pre-approval stage of the CfE later in May.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Amenity Horticulture, Landscaping, Conservation and Land Management IRC - TBC.