

Meat Industry Reference Committee

Meeting held on
16 June 2020

Communique

The Meat Industry Reference Committee held this meeting via teleconference. Eight members attended the IRC meeting, four members tendered their apologies.

The IRC discussed the still vacant Poultry Processing Expert position and are consulting their networks to seek interested applicants for the role.

The IRC reviewed the STA feedback on the draft AMP Release 5.0 Case for Endorsement and components. Most of the feedback has been addressed, however there is a significant issue regarding the nesting of the *Diploma of Meat Processing* within the *Advanced Diploma of Meat Processing*, which will require additional time and consultation to address. The IRC approved the changes required to address the issues in AMP 5.0, the need to further revise the *Advanced Diploma of Meat Processing*, and to apply for an extension to make the required changes.

Skills Impact provided an update on the COVID-19 AISC Emergency Response Sub-committee, the VET system reforms and the JobMaker announcement and any implications for the VET system.

The IRC was provided with an update on the successful submission of the 2020-2021 Annual Update to the Skills Forecast and advised that planning is currently underway for preparation of the next Annual Update.

Seventeen new items on the Enquiries and Issues Register were considered, three were enquiries and fourteen were issues requiring IRC consideration.

The date for the next meeting was agreed and will be held on 20 October 2020. It's possible that this meeting will also be held via teleconference or videoconference depending on COVID-19 and government advice at that time. The proposed Meat IRC meeting schedule for the remainder of 2020 is:

- 20 October 2020, location and format TBA
- 15 December 2020, location and format TBA