

## Communique

Meeting No: 2021.02

9 June 2021

The Food, Beverage and Pharmaceutical (FBP) Industry Reference Committee (IRC) met via teleconference on 9 June 2021. Present at the meeting were IRC members, guests and representatives from Skills Impact.

### **FBP Issues register**

Several issues raised by stakeholders are being addressed, including an inquiry about adding skills (or performance and knowledge components) involved in food waste management into FBP Training Package components, and a request to review the use of and placement of the unit *FBPOPR2072 - Work in confined spaces in the food and beverage*. Members agreed that both of these issues will require further industry consultation before actions can be decided.

### **Wine and viticulture unit review**

After consultation with the wine making and viticulture industry, this IRC has agreed to progress the requests for changes to several units of competency to develop a Case for Change.

### **FBP IRC 2022 Skills Forecast and Proposed Schedule of Work**

The FBP IRC will begin to collate data for the 2022 Skills Forecast, incorporating data from a range of industry reports. Information about requests for changes to the FBP Training Package will also be collated and analysed.

### **VET Reform update**

Information about the progress of the current VET reform process was discussed by this IRC.

### **Prioritisation Framework**

This meeting reviewed the qualifications that may be flagged for deletion under the AISC Prioritisation Framework. Members agreed to consult the rice processing industry about the potential deletion of the *Certificate III in Rice Processing*.

### **Innovation skills**

Units of competency addressing the skills used to encourage innovation or undertake innovative actions were identified from a search of all training packages and the potential for those units to be imported into FBP qualifications was considered. A discussion about the validity of defining and teaching innovation skills led to agreement to take no action at this time. The IRC will continue to review ways to encourage innovation training within food and beverage processing industries.

### **Next meeting**

The next FBP IRC meeting will be held on 16 November 2021