

MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

WATER INDUSTRY REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 21 February 2019

Meeting Overview

- Meeting held in Sydney
- Training Package update
- Skills Forecast

Current Training Package Updates

- AIS provided IRC an update on the Training Package which is out for public consultation. For the Water Industry Operations qualification, streaming was removed in Cert II and Included in Cert III to allow a direct pathway to Cert IV. Five units have been identified to not be included in the Water Industry Treatment Certificate III and will be reviewed in 2020. The Diploma of Water Industry Operations qualification is now complete and on Training.gov.au and ASQA has granted an extension teach out transition period of two years.
- AIS provided AIS Skills Forum feedback from Water breakout sessions to the IRC for consideration for inclusion into the Skills Forecast

IRC Skills Forecast update

- AIS provided a draft of the 2019 Skills Forecast. AIS has been collecting data and collating information over the last year and thanked IRC members for forwarding relevant industry reports and information on emerging trends. Discussion was held around items to be included in the Proposed Schedule of Work. Feedback from IRC members will close on 4 March with the draft planned for release to broader stakeholder network on 15 March
- IRC advised they will provide a narrative to address the key issues of skills shortages in the Water industry.

Meeting Outcomes

- IRC to provide AIS with feedback on Skills Forecast by 4 March
- AIS to investigate additional feedback and incorporate where appropriate in the Skills Forecast.

Next meeting scheduled for 22 August to be held in Adelaide.