

MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

WATER INDUSTRY REFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Thursday 22 August 2019

Meeting Overview

- Meeting held in Adelaide
- Industry Updates
- Update on Training Package Status

Current Training Package Updates

- An update was provided to the IRC on all Certificate II & III revision work carried out to date and an update was provided on the two new Certificate IV projects.
- IRC considered the TAC nominations for the Certificate IV review and made recommendations and TAC was approved by the IRC
- The IRC were informed that only one RTO had applied to deliver the New Diploma in Water in Queensland.
- AIS provided a research brief on new industry trends for the Water IRC to consider for future skilling needs
- The current Units of Competency regarding fluoride guide doesn't meet NSW requirements. AIS and the NSW Water Directorate will investigate further if a new unit is needed or if it can be incorporated in the Broader Awareness of all dangerous goods. (Including fluoride treatment) The regulator in NSW is asking for a unit in this area.
- AIS will send out a brief to the IRC after the discussions and options for incorporating the awareness of fluoride treatment.
- AIS & IRC will draft a letter responding to the strong Industry feedback about the changing workplace and the need to allow flexibility in Skill Sets
- Considering outcomes of the Joyce Review the IRC discussed an action plan going forward and will set up a working group

Other Business

- George Wall from Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) has replaced the retiring John Harris as Chair of the IRC and Robert Allen (Icon Water) was elected the new Deputy Chair

Meeting Outcomes

- New IRC Chair and Deputy Chair elected.
- AIS will send out a brief to the IRC after the discussions and options for incorporating the awareness of fluoride treatment.

- AIS draft letter with IRC representative responding to the strong Industry feedback about the changing workplace and the need to allow flexibility in Skill Sets
- AIS will provide IRC a list of the deleted units and the reason why they were deleted, the changes and coding.

Next IRC meeting scheduled for Feb 2020 TBC