

## **MINTRAC provision of extension services to red meat processors 2017-2019**

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### **Project Description**

This project is for the provision of funding for the following specified services to red meat processors for the years 2017-2019:

1. Provision of training advice and support to meat processing companies or their RTOs.
2. Identifying or acting upon industry innovations and requirements which require development of applicable training.
3. Provision of careers services to red meat processing.
4. Provision of industry education and training advice to state and Commonwealth government agencies identifying priorities and changes to market access /customer requirements.
5. Distribution and updating of AMPC training products.
6. MINTRAC representation on industry-related Committees, forums and conferences.

### **Project Outcome**

This project objectives were to:

- provide advice on the training and extension implications of relevant AMPC R&D outcomes, developments in technology, regulation and customer requirements;
- facilitate industry access to accredited training that addresses industry requirements and priorities;
- ensure that research and development outcomes are integrated into the industry's accredited training system;
- monitor for and respond to changes in the training requirements of importing countries;
- ensure a training system that meets the market access requirements for meat exporting companies;
- ensure the ongoing availability and provision of timely and accurate advice to industry personnel;
- ensure that AMPC products from past years are updated as required to meet current industry requirements; and
- ensure that the industry's training system reflect the industry goal of

sustainability and gives consumers, government and corporate customers confidence in the competency of meat processing industry personnel.

Over the two years of the project, MINTRAC recorded a wide range of activities in each of these areas of activity, as detailed in this report. This included regular engagement with the majority of the processors within the industry to address training and education matters, as well as ensuring that any newly completed research and development was incorporated into the nationally accredited training system. This project also enabled MINTRAC to collect evidence of new required training developments as well as industry priorities for state funding for vocational education and training. Under this project MINTRAC also administered the Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Meat Processing programs.

MINTRAC continued to promote, update and distribute a wide range of careers materials as well as the kits and other products produced over the years with support from AMPC.

This project also enabled MINTRAC to attend a wide range of industry forums and conferences, both to promote AMPC products and to ensure that the training system continued to proactively address emerging red meat processing industry priorities.

Through this project, the priorities and interests of red meat processing have been consistently and quickly addressed, with MINTRAC staff available to provide immediate support for any training issues that might arise.

#### ***Provision of training advice and support***

MINTRAC daily receives and responds to inquiries from red meat processors and their Registered Training Organisations. This area of support also includes management of the Diploma and Advanced Diploma scholarship programs, with graduation ceremonies occurring in both programs in this year.

#### ***Acting on industry innovations leading to the development of applicable training***

MINTRAC has prepared applications for development of new units of competency in areas such as Emergency Animal Disease preparedness, Biogas operator training, animal health data collection, robotics maintenance skills, workplace incident investigations and pest control management. Many of these arose from completed industry research and development projects.

#### ***Careers services***

MINTRAC has promoted AMPC careers materials at trade shows, conferences, network meetings and has provided packs of resources to processors and schools.

#### ***Provision of industry advice to State and Federal governments***

After consulting with industry at each of the Network meetings, MINTRAC provides advice to state governments about training priorities for the Funded Course Lists in each state. MINTRAC also responds to training discussion papers and prepares the annual Industry Skills Forecast for the Meat Industry Reference Committee to submit to the Australian Industry

Skills Committee.

***Distribution and updating of AMPC training products***

MINTRAC has updated identified Training and Assessment resources every six months, and has added newly released reports, videos etc to the Unit by Unit listing of resources. A major release during the period of this project was the release of ten short induction and training films, now available from both MINTRAC and AMPC.

***Representation on industry committees and forums***

Activity in 2017-2019 has included attending the WHS conference, AMPC Strategic Planning consultation, MLA post-Mortem conference, MLA Augmented reality workshop, AMIC HR Managers workshop and working groups on the implementation of revised inspection procedures.

**Benefit for Industry**

This project has been important to both AMPC and the red meat processing industry as a whole. It enables the training and extension implications of developments in technology, regulation and customer requirements to be quickly identified, communicated to the relevant parts of industry and incorporated into the training system. Critically, it also ensures that the industry continues to have access to government-funded accredited training in the areas of priority set by the industry.

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