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Urban Pest Management Project Brief – 1 September 2018

# Project Scope

On behalf of the Property Services IRC, Artibus Innovation is reviewing the need to develop a new certificate IV in Urban Pest Management and reviewing and updating the current certificate III in Urban Pest Management, including 15 units of competency:

Project Qualification Review:

* CPP30115 Certificate III in Urban Pest Management

Potential training product development:

* Certificate IV in Urban Pest Management

# Project Summary

The Property Services IRC is updating the Urban Pest Management components in the CPP training package to address the emerging specialisation of pest control functions and advise on pest strategies, particularly in high risk, commercial and health settings.

The current qualification provides a generalist pathway that does not reflect the emerging specialisation within the pest control function and does not describe the skills required to provide advice on pest strategies, particularly in high risk, commercial and health settings. The package lacks a higher-level qualification to provide the skills for the provision of pest strategy advice in complex and high-risk areas and in leadership of pest control teams.

Industry has ongoing concerns with graduate quality and duration of training and is supportive of a review of performance evidence to strengthen graduate employability. Artibus Innovation will examine content and structure of the Certificate III to better align packaging with vocational outcomes in line with industry expectations.  Consideration will be given to the introduction of a Certificate IV to align with the functions of a pest manager who lead pest teams and provide complex advice on pest management strategies.

Consumers are influencing how the pest control industry operates, with increased demand for more environmentally friendly and less toxic chemicals and processes. This is resulting in more effective processes being developed and different chemicals being used that improve pest control outcomes.

A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will be established to provide key input on the:

* suitability of packaging of the Certificate III qualification
* the requirement for the addition of a Certificate IV qualification
* unit relevancy and content.

Nominations for the Technical Advisory Group have closed and are currently being reviewed by the TAG Chair, and IRC member Mr John Murray.

# Key points

* Through review and update, consideration will be given to vocational alignment and AQF level of the units and qualification.
* The introduction of a Certificate IV will be considered to meet industry need for high level pest advice and team leadership.
* Through review and update, the development of streams within the qualifications and skill sets will be considered to better align the qualification with vocational outcomes and provide opportunity career development.
* The qualifications in this project need to be updated to keep in line with current and future industry best practice.

# Consultation Plan

The key engagement methods will be as follows:

* a Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) will be established in accordance with internal policy and procedures to guide the subject matter expertise components of the work
* direct correspondence with regulators
* direct correspondence with State Training Authorities
* direct correspondence with IRC and key stakeholders
* industry associations and other stakeholders will be invited to capital city forums in all state/territories. A copy of forums material will be published on the web and an online forum will also be facilitated
* RTOs will be engaged through online survey and trainer networks
* public web project page updated fortnightly
* newsletter survey distribution to 4,200 stakeholders, including all RTOs, regulators, industry associations. Minimum of three newsletter profiles
* industry survey on early and late draft material
* distribution of survey through TAG networks and Artibus digital channels

# Project Timeline

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| Stage 1 | Project commencement | September 2018 |
| Stage 2 | Round 1 of industry consultation and training package development | October 2018 |
|  | Round 2 of industry consultation and training package development | November 2018 – January 2019 |
| Stage 3 | Validation consultation | January 2019 |
| Stage 4 | Quality assurance phase | February – March 2019 |
| Stage 5 | STA endorsement | April 2109 |
|  | Case for Endorsement submitted to Department of Education and Training | May 2019 |