



# *National standardised meat inspection training*



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# *What are the drivers*

- Relative uniqueness of the meat safety inspector training arrangements here in Australia
- Ensuring national consistency of delivery and assessment to meet meat industry regulator requirements
- Overseas reviewers are interested in how our meat safety inspectors are trained and the role of the regulator in ensuring consistency
- Mandating of specific course content and delivery arrangements overseas

# *What are the issues*

- Delivery issues include
  - Arrangements for practice on post and ante-mortem inspection procedures
  - Number of species covered in theory and practical exercises
- Assessment issues include
  - Type and length of theory exams
  - Pass mark for theory examination
  - Rigour of practical assessment processes

## ***Solution to these issues***

- More definitive guidelines for the delivery of the Meat Safety Units
- More uniform assessment processes and assessment content
- More guidance to RTOs as to what constitutes a “pass” in meat safety theory examinations
- Industry endorsement of meat safety courses which are delivered that meet industry expectations

# *Way forward*

- Re-design of the exam generator
  - Easier to use
  - More subjects covered
- In depth consultation with industry, RTOs and regulators to better define
  - best practice delivery arrangements
  - competency in the various Units
- Explore what form industry endorsement could take for meat safety and QA course assessment processes.