

# CIT Board Communique – Meeting 3/2017 – 26 July

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The CIT Board met on Wednesday 26 July 2017 at CIT Reid.

## **Strategic Compass Evolving Together Projects**

Members discussed the risks and progress of the strategic compass projects and noted the interdependencies of the projects. Members were pleased with the overall progress. Members also discussed the governance arrangements and endorsed the governance framework.

The Board was presented with a comprehensive update of three of the Strategic Compass projects - Digitalisation Strategy, Customer Experience Journey, Innovative Learning Resources - and was impressed with the work conducted to date and the potential impetus for change to the way CIT business is conducted, once implemented.

Work continues on campus modernisation through the Campus Modernisation Subcommittee and the working group with a program of works and a financial model being developed. Members noted progress and the importance of keeping the Minister informed.

#### **Course Review**

The Board was advised of the comprehensive analysis being conducted into all CIT courses using the Deloitte financial modelling tool. Members noted that determining the ongoing viability of a course is a complex process with consideration of a number of factors including running costs and meeting the requirements of the ACT Government and the expectations of ACT industry. This work is continuing.

# Microgrid at CIT Bruce

The Board agreed to a proposal by CIT to invest in the ACT Government Carbon Neutral Government Loan Fund to establish a microgrid at CIT Bruce. Once established the microgrid will allow significant annual savings on CIT electricity costs. The Board commended CIT for this work and expressed its full support for the ACT Government renewable energy agenda.



### **Governance Arrangements**

Members noted that the Report of the Review of CIT Governance Arrangements undertaken by Derwent Executive has been submitted to CMTEDD, who are currently considering the report and the next steps. The Review was undertaken to meet a requirement of the ACT Implementation Plan National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform 2012-2017. Board members were interviewed as part of the review.

#### **CIT Solutions**

As CIT Board members have overall responsibility of CIT Solutions the Board received an update on CIT Solutions activities and noted the success of significant investments in products for growth and options for future growth.

### **Future of Education**

Members discussed the ACT Government Future of Education discussion paper with a view for CIT to contribute to the conversation. The paper is looking at a ten year strategy and includes a specific question regarding VET. CIT has already commenced consultation with the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development.

#### **Other Business**

The Chair officially welcomed new members to the Board:

- Mr Raymond Garrand, current Director, ACIL Allen Consulting, with significant experience and knowledge in higher education, vocational education and training, finance and governance as well as knowledge of industry and business;
- Mr Brendan Moore, CIT student representative who is also the Chair of the CIT Student Association Council; and
- Deputy Director-General, Enterprise Canberra, Ms Kareena Arthy, replacing Mr David Dawes.

Members were also pleased to note that Mr Peter McGrath's term has been extended by 2 years and Ms Anita Wesney's term has been extended by 1 year.