

CIT Board Communique – Meeting 03/2020 – 29 July 2020

This document is a public summary of matters considered by the CIT Board. It is not intended to be a detailed set of minutes and does not cover all matters considered by the Board.

Opening / Administration

The Chair provided an acknowledgement of country, welcomed members to this meeting including those participating by video conference.

Strategic Discussion with the Minister for Tertiary Education

Members discussed strategic issues for CIT prior to Minister Steel joining the meeting by videoconference. The Chair then welcomed the Minister and the Minister highlighted the Government's priorities for CIT which included responding to the challenges of the pandemic and implications for student learning and assessment at CIT; working closely with CIT, industry and Economic Development and Skills Canberra within Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on the Commonwealth's proposals outlined in the Job Trainer package; commitment to CIT's role as a public provider including through CIT Woden; and the importance of partnerships between CIT and Canberra's local universities.

Subsequently the Board agreed that the timing of the release of the next CIT Strategic Compass be late in 2020 or early 2021, so that it can be finalised with the incoming ACT Government after the October election.

CIT Response - COVID 19

The CEO and Executive Director Corporate Services provided an update to Board members on CIT's response to COVID -19, including the effectiveness of the response so far; the return to campus in early June targeting those students who need to be on site to complete their studies; the delay in the return of non-teaching staff to campus due to the ACT Government postponing the lifting of Stage 3 restrictions (due to the Victorian situation); and pastoral care arrangements for international students already living in Canberra including through CITSA.

Campus Renewal

The Chair, CEO and Executive Director, Industry Engagement and Strategic Relations provided an update on the work of the CIT Woden Project Board and updated CIT Board members on the progress of the CIT Woden business case. Members discussed the consultation document *Design Values, Survey Snapshot – CIT Woden Campus* which had been released by the Government; and the next steps including the working arrangements with Major Projects Canberra (MPC) and a scheduled meeting with the newly elected President of the Woden Valley Community Council.

Finance and Budget matters

Members were provided with an update on finance and budget matters including the June year to date figures.

Members discussed possible scenarios from the impact of COVID-19, the challenge of keeping students and industries engaged during the pandemic, and the impact this could have on CIT's budget as the year progresses.

CIT Solutions Board Update

The Chair provided an update on CIT Solutions including the impact of COVID-19 on activity and expected revenue. The Chair also congratulated CIT Solutions from moving from a Level 3 to a Level 1 international provider and outlined this will assist with attracting international students post the easing of COVID restrictions.

CIT Audit Committee Report

The Board was updated on the Audit Committee's work including that the Audit Committee was impressed with the new risk framework presented at the 26 June Audit Committee meeting.