



Update for ARC Stakeholders – July 2022

On 27 July 2022, the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTISI) invited stakeholders to attend an update regarding the Animal Resources Centre (ARC). The update was coordinated by JTISI on behalf of WA Government agencies.

Background

- The WA Government's review of the ARC found that change is needed for the capability to be continued.
- Following strong interest shown through a market sounding process the WA Government is finalising a 'Single Stage Limited Request' process to identify an independent provider to acquire the ARC's assets and continue its operations.
- The WA Government and the ARC appreciate that stakeholders need confidence that the ARC's services will be maintained through the transition, ensuring research can continue without disruption.
- The WA Government is aiming to exit ownership and operational control of the ARC in a way that retains the capability in Western Australia, secures a sustainable future with a new independent provider, and minimises disruption to the ARC's stakeholders.

Updates since ARC Stakeholder briefing in June 2022

- The WA Government has identified a 'Preferred' and 'Reserve' Respondent through a 'Single Stage Limited Request' process.
- The WA Government has approved commercial negotiations begin with the Preferred Provider to formalise transfer arrangements for the ARC capability. This is a commercial in confidence process.
- Both the Preferred and Reserve Respondents have a plan for continuing the ARC as a sustainable provider and understand the importance of things such as:
 - Sustained access to a range of products and services.
 - Quality standards needed to support world leading research.
- Assisting ARC staff in the transition process and balancing ongoing service delivery continues to be a priority.

Next steps

- The WA Government will continue to provide regular updates each month.
- A formal announcement regarding the new ARC provider will be made once the commercial agreement is signed by both parties.