



Update for ARC Stakeholders – November 2022

On 21 November 2022 the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) invited stakeholders to attend an update regarding the Animal Resources Centre (ARC). The update was coordinated by JTSI on behalf of WA Government agencies and Ozgene.

Background

- The WA Government's review of the ARC found that change is needed for the capability to be continued.
- 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.
- The WA Government undertook 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 Ozgene ARC Pty Ltd have both signed an 'Animal Resources Authority Sale of Assets' agreement.

Updates since ARC Stakeholder briefing in October 2022

- Ozgene representatives provided their vision and plans for the ARC and fielded questions.
- A 'Frequently Asked Questions' document will be circulated to stakeholders and available on the ARC website.

Next steps

- The WA Government will continue to provide regular updates each month.
- The goal is to commence formal transition in December 2022.