



Update for ARC Stakeholders – December 2022

Please see the below update on the Animal Resources Centre (ARC) from the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI), on behalf of WA Government agencies and Ozgene Pty Ltd.

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.
- Ozgene representatives presented their vision and plans for the ARC and fielded questions at the November 2022 update.
- A 'Frequently Asked Questions' document is available on the ARC website.

Updates since ARC Stakeholder briefing on November 2022

- Good progress has been made on transition planning and finalising the various requirements of the Sale Agreement.
- During the detailed planning it has become clear that more time is required for a smooth transition.
- The WA Government and Ozgene have agreed to adjust the Sale of Assets agreement to allow for a staged transition during quarter one of 2023, with full handover of operations no later than May 2023.
- For customers, this means that you will continue to engage with existing ARC staff but may also begin to engage with Ozgene representatives.
- Staff are essential to the operations of the ARC, and every effort is being made to support them through the transition.

Next steps

- The WA Government will continue to provide regular updates each month.
- The goal is to commence formal operational transition in a staged approach from early in 2023.