



Department of  
Agriculture and Food



Dear Wool producers and Sheep farmers

**RE: NATIONAL WOOL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION STRATEGY**

You are invited to participate in a workshop to develop the National Research, Development and Extension Strategy for the Australian wool industry. This strategy is intended to direct all future research, development and extension (RD&E) for the wool industry nationally, in terms of a national vision and priority outcomes for the industry.

There are many different organisations currently working in the field of wool, such as Australian Wool Innovation, all State Departments of Primary Industries/ Agriculture, Universities and CSIRO. There are differing levels of co-ordination and co-operation across these. In the future, this strategy will provide direction and co-ordinated investment recommendations for all future RD&E efforts nationally.

Why should you get involved? This is your industry and we want the strategy to reflect your needs and priorities. The strategy will direct the long term priorities and resource allocation for the wool research organisations, which will impact you and your operations. Your input is valued.

Even if you are no longer in wool production, this wool strategy may impact you, as it will intersect with the National Sheepmeat RD&E Strategy which has already been developed (lead by Meat and Livestock Australia and Department of Primary Industries, NSW). For those producers who have transitioned away from wool to other aspects of sheep production, we would also like to know why you have moved away from the wool industry, what would encourage you to return and your thoughts on the future requirements of the industry.

This workshop is one of a series of workshops, being held nationally over the next few months. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard regarding the future direction of RD&E efforts for the wool industry and ensure your local area and State are represented in this national strategy. We encourage you to be involved.

For further information, please see the attached documents, or contact:  
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Regards

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