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Dear Mark

2019 Review of the National Wool Declaration

Livestock SA would like to support Wool Producers Australia's comments on AWEX's Review of the National Wool Declaration (NWD) following the release of Draft NWD V8 on 18 February 2020.

The NWD is specifically to provide details on mulesing status, as well as dark and medullated fibre risk.

We wish to reiterate that the proposal to still include identification of alternative methods to mulesing adds another dimension that was not envisaged when the NWD was first introduced.

Livestock SA is concerned that this will add to confusion not only for growers, but along the wool pipeline including buyers, processors, retailers and customers.

More importantly, as the NWD is voluntary, this alteration could well mean that less wool producers will provide this. While Livestock SA does not agree with making the NWD mandatory, its use needs to be encouraged.

Yours sincerely

Joe Keynes
President