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2019 Review of the National Wool Declaration

The 2019 Review of the National Wool Declaration (NWD) will be undertaken by AWEX through the Industry Services Advisory Committee (ISAC). The NWD was last reviewed in 2016. Since that time, there have been a number of developments and topics within the wool industry that are of interest to the wool supply chain.

This Review aims to ensure that the NWD is fit for purpose and that the declarations can be substantiated through the NWD - Integrity Program (NWD-IP).

The Review seeks to consider the following topics *as well as any other aspect of the NWD and its Integrity Program*:

- The relevance of the current mulesing status declarations, viz. Ceased Mulesing (CM), Non Mulesed (NM), Mulesed with Pain Relief (PR) and Mulesed (M).

Note, for consistency across the Australian wool industry, the definition of Mulesing is sourced from the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines.

- The potential inclusion of “other” breech modification alternatives or animal welfare declarations within the NWD.
- The user-friendliness of the NWD with respect to its correct completion by the owner/manager and data entry by wool broking staff.
- The NWD adoption rate and compliance, and how it is being received by industry.
- The NWD - Integrity Program (NWD-IP), involving desktop audits, verification of the use of PR, and on farm inspections for NM and CM.

Consultation Period is Now Open

Industry stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the 2019 Review of the NWD. The consultation period is open from today through to the 1st July 2019.

All submissions must be in writing and include the name and address of the author/organisation.

Submissions must be received by AWEX by Close of Business on Monday 1st July 2019. Emails are welcome.

When making a submission, please include the topic(s) and the background to the topic(s) to be considered.

To provide feedback to ISAC for the 2019 NWD Review, please use the following contact:

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