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## 2021 Review of the National Wool Declaration

AWEX has commenced the 2021 review of the NWD.

AWEX CEO, Mark Grave, said: "In March 2020, AWEX announced its commitment *"to conduct a further review of the NWD with respect to mulesing status, with particular focus on the identification of wool from sheep treated with liquid nitrogen.* This review is in keeping with that commitment."

"Over the last 12 months, the profile of the NWD has increased significantly with Exporters and their customers seeking greater levels of validation from AWEX of their purchases, to satisfy and comply with their orders and the increasing demands from their clients and consumers."

"The NWD declaration rate has also increased but there is still opportunity for this to improve. As an industry, we have been challenged to meet the increasing demands of the customers of Australia's wool and the NWD has become an important part of an informed market. Collectively, as an industry, consideration is being given to increase the uptake of the NWD to meet this demand."

"At the conclusion of the 2019/20 review, a wide range of views were expressed regarding the use of liquid nitrogen. The AWEX Board is committed to assess any scientific outcomes from the trials and we will be seeking an update on any available information from the trial."

AWEX is seeking submissions relating to new or changed issues, with respect to the NWD, that may have arisen in the last 12 months. This is to minimise duplication of issues and previous submissions.

### Consultation Period is Now Open

Industry stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the 2021 Review of the NWD. The consultation period is open from today through to the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

#### **Submissions must be:**

- ***in writing and include the name and address of the author/organisation.***
- ***must be received by AWEX by COB on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Emails are preferred.***

*When making a submission, please clearly state the topic(s) and the background, and where possible, potential solutions.*

To provide feedback to AWEX for the 2021 NWD Review, please use the following contact:

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