



# Members' Update

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## AWEX Opens Consultation for 2026 National Wool Declaration Review

AWEX undertakes periodic reviews of the National Wool Declaration (NWD) on behalf of industry. The 2026 Review of the NWD will be undertaken by AWEX through an Industry Consultative Committee (NWD ICC). Independent Chair, Chris Murphy, has been appointed to the NWD ICC, with the following Committee members appointed via expression of interest from industry representative bodies:

Mark Bazeley, Rex Bennett, Gerard Buchanan, Jo Hall, Penny Hartwich, Josh Lamb, George Nichols and Ed Storey.

The Review will focus on ensuring the NWD continues to provide clear, credible and relevant information to the market, while remaining practical for wool growers and selling agents.

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

- The relevance of current mulesing status declarations
- Whether the NWD continues to meet evolving market and supply chain information requirements
- The user friendliness of the NWD
- NWD declaration and compliance rates, and overall industry adoption
- The operation and effectiveness of the NWD Integrity Program
- Communications relating to the NWD

The consultation period is Now Open and Industry stakeholders are invited to make a submission to the 2026 Review of the NWD.

All submissions must include the name and address of the author/organisation. Submissions must be received by AWEX by Close of Business on Friday 29 May 2026. When making a submission, please include the topic(s) and the background to the topic(s) as well as the reasoning/statistics behind any proposed change(s).

Submissions can be made via the AWEX website or by email to [info@awex.com.au](mailto:info@awex.com.au)

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