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### **AWI Director Elections – an important way for woolgrowers to have their say**

This year is an important year for woolgrowers to have their say in their representation of levy expenditure via the Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) director elections.

WoolProducers Australia (WoolProducers) urges people that believe they can positively contribute to the control and management of AWI to consider nominating for this year's director election.

WoolProducers President, Mr Ed Storey said 'AWI director elections provide an opportunity for suitably qualified people to put themselves forward for this critical role'.

This year will see a more transparent and independent Board Nomination Committee consider desirable skills in nominees to better reflect the skills matrix required by the AWI Board under the Statutory Funding Agreement.

WoolProducers are also offering assistance to any potential nominee in the collection of the 100 shareholder signatures, currently required to stand for election.

'WoolProducers believes that a contested election is a positive for both AWI and the wider industry as it provides the chance for a diverse range of candidates to seek election.'

'WoolProducers are able to aid potential nominees with the collection of shareholder signatures through our network, noting that this does not mean that WoolProducers will necessarily endorse these candidates. If anyone is interested, please contact WoolProducers at [info@woolproducers.com.au](mailto:info@woolproducers.com.au)' Mr Storey said.

Relevant information and forms for AWI director elections can be found at AWI's website, [www.wool.com](http://www.wool.com).

WoolProducers would also like to remind wool levy payers to check that they are registered shareholders to ensure that they can vote in this year's election.

'Levy payers must apply to become an AWI shareholder and must have paid at least \$100 in wool levies over the past three years.' Mr Storey said.

Shareholder enquiries can be directed to Link Market Services on 1800 113 373.

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### **About WoolProducers' Australia**

WPA plays a critical role in working closely with companies and entities funded by woolgrower funds including compulsory levies or fees for service.

Its mission is to develop constructive and profitable outcomes for woolgrowers nationally.

The agency is responsible for appointing a director to each of the Australian Wool Exchange and the Australia Wool Testing Authority, promoting good corporate governance and ensuring that the interests of growers are met.

WPA maintains a working relationship with Australian Wool Innovation as the voice of woolgrower shareholders. It aims to contribute to AWI's programs for the benefit of growers, promoting responsible use of levy funds and ensuring good corporate governance.

WPA is the sole wool industry member of Animal Health Australia, and as such, carries a significant responsibility for decision making on behalf of the industry in the event of an emergency animal disease outbreak.