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Merino sheep producers are operating in a complex environment in relation to commodity market fluctuations, challenges to our social license to operate, sustainable livestock production and the impact of extreme weather variability. For wool producers to be able to effectively demonstrate their commitment to sustainable production, land stewardship and animal welfare, a whole-of-enterprise approach is required. A more effective and efficient integration with Meat and Livestock Australia could increase wool producers' profile in relation to animal-source food production, the longevity of wool sheep and the ability of wool production to offset the carbon footprint of red meat production. Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to comment.