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I am very pleased with the current board of AWI and believe they are doing a fantastic job. Since Wally Merriman has been Chairman the price of wool has lifted from being 3 x price of cotton to 8 x price cotton. this is because that the small cost they have invested in marketing has been invaluable. Without AWI sheep producers would be lost. I have always found AWI to be approachable, listen to ideas. I am aware of collaborative research projects. I am regularly updated by AWI on current projects and results for both marketing of wool and on-farm research and shearer/woolhandler training. The wool industry contributes \$3billion dollars to the Australian economy and the \$13million invested by the Australian Government is money well spent - what a fantastic return on investment.