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Disappointed that Wal Merriman thought that it was okay to hide behind a mirror window while observing a meeting on how ram breeders can you use breeding values to improve their genetic gain.

- The voting system seems to be very unfair when the AWI board members can decide the absentee vote.
- When Wal Merriman first became chair of AWI he did a great job in lifting the ban on mulsing. I think now he should encourage growers to stop the mulsing of their flocks instead of fighting this inevitable fate. Listen to the market demand on this.
- AWI seem to continually fight against the use of breeding values instead they need to encourage science and traditional methods to go hand in hand. They have a narrow view of only doing the traditional way and not embracing the science that is available to move the industry forward in genetic gain.
- When Ian McLachlan did the wool review the result said we should be spending a larger percentage of the levy money on wool research & development instead of on marketing, This was done only for a short time but the board are now focussed on marketing instead of R&D which has ignored this advice, which I find very disappointing.