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## Opportunity for woolgrowers to determine industry direction...says AWGA.

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AWI election offers a forum for ideas, vision and leadership...not politics.

The Australian Wool Growers Association today has called on wool agri politicians to distance themselves and their organisations from the forthcoming Australian Wool Innovation Board elections.

The recent announcement of up to three independent candidates along with the re nomination of three current AWI directors, for the first time, allows woolgrowers the opportunity of choice in the way in which their compulsory levy funds are spent.

There are no political appointments, no wholesale tickets, just individual candidates.

”It will be the role of individual candidates, either new candidates or those seeking re election to state clearly in their campaigns what they hope to achieve, their vision for the future, their particular experience and expertise and an assessment of their past achievements “ says AWGA Chairman Chick Olsson .

Irrespective of the outcome of the election, all candidates have an opportunity to present ideas for the future spending of industry levies. Equally all candidates should be receptive to ideas and suggestions from woolgrowers during this period.

“The election process provides a wonderful forum for all involved in the industry” says Mr Olsson.

The Australian Wool Growers Association will lead by example with its role clearly defined. “At no stage will the AWGA recommend or attempt to influence how woolgrowers vote in favour of any candidate.”

”That choice is for individual growers however AWGA will during the lead up to the election in November encourage all woolgrowers to participate in the process.”

”The wool industry has a consistent record of low voter turn out. This election provides a real opportunity to remove the politics of the industry and seek positive vision and leadership... It is vital that all growers participate.” concludes Mr Olsson.

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